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THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY

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Matt Allen has been interested in railways for as long as he can remember. His father was a fireman in steam days and latterly a driver for British Rail. He is a regular contributor to the Railway media, especially *Railway Magazine* and *Railways Illustrated*. A railway publication recently cited him as one of the most active steam photographers in the UK. This is his second book for Halsgrove, following the acclaimed *The Mid Hants Railway*.



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TITLE INFORMATION – THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY



Horsted Keynes station, with period cars during a War on the Line event, complete with masking tape on the windows.



Example of a double page spread.



A one-off special event held at the Railway was a Terrier Gala. No. 32678 was a visitor from the Kent and East Sussex Railway for this special weekend and is seen here complete with some Bulleid coaching stock.



The station staff are doubling up as Home Guard, at least for the duration of a Southern at War weekend.



Lindfield wood is one of the best places on the line to see the wonderful display of spring flowers.