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About 300 Sunday train services across Scotland were cancelled due to a shortage of drivers linked to an ongoing pay dispute.

That's according to an article on the BBC website that says ScotRail, which was nationalised last month, has apologised to customers for the disruption, which comes on the day its new timetable was launched.

The previous weekend driver shortages affected 110 services. But since then Aslef has balloted its members for strike action after rejecting a 2.2 per cent pay offer.

Testing of the first Transport for Wales Rail Class 398 tram-train will begin at the Rail Innovation & Development Centre in Melton, Leicestershire in the coming weeks after the first unit was delivered to the UK.

Stadler is building 36 three-car Citylink tram-trains that will operate on the Core Valley Line. They will also operate on-street running on a short new line to Flourish.

The Class 398s are being built in Valencia, Spain, by Stadler and feature both electric and battery power.

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Engineers will be shoring up a vulnerable stretch of railway between Eastleigh and Fareham between Saturday 25 June to Sunday 4 July, along with a package of 42 other jobs to improve passengers' journeys on the route.

As a result, there will be no trains on the line between those dates, with a bus service and diversions

taking its place.

The steep-sided cutting leading to Fareham Tunnel was built in 1841 and needs major work to improve it. A previous landslip on the line, at Botley in 2014, saw services suspended for more than a month.

The overhaul of the 4930 'Hagley Hall' by Severn Valley Railway (SVR) has reached an important point.

On Wednesday 11 May, the engine moved under its own power at Bridgnorth – the first time in 36 years

Martin White, the SVR's head of engineering, said: "We've waited many, many years for this moment and even though the loco only moved as far as the MPD yard signal and back, this still marks a rather momentous step in getting it back into service."

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