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The railway through Dawlish is now better protected as construction of the new, bigger sea wall has reached another major milestone.

The installation of all 164 wall panels, 203 pre-cast blocks and 189 recurve units which return waves back out to sea is now complete.

This innovative design coupled with the increased height of the new sea wall will help prevent delays and disruption to passengers by minimising the likelihood of the tracks flooding and allowing the line to reopen more quickly after major storms.

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ScotRail's alcohol ban was kept in place by officials despite the train operator preferring more relaxed rules, which would have seen day-time drinking allowed on board.

An article in the Glasgow Evening Times says in July, ScotRail announced a ban on drinking or visibly carrying alcohol would continue for the 'foreseeable future', extending rules introduced as part of COVID in 2020.

But emails revealed the decision was taken against a ScotRail board recommendation, which preferred a return to pre-pandemic rules.

This would have seen a ban on the consumption of alcohol between 9pm and 10am every day, rather than a blanket and indefinite ban.

A railway tunnel that was once the longest in the world is to open to the public as part of a series of heritage days.

An article on the BBC website says Glenfield Railway Tunnel in Leicester was one mile (1.6km) long when it opened in 1832. It was used to transport coal into the city.

When the railway closed in the 1960s, the tunnel was bought by Leicester City Council for £5.

It will open as part of a festival which runs from 9-22 September.

A nine-foot bronze statue and plinth of railway pioneer Adrian Shooter CBE has been unveiled at London Marylebone station.

Adrian began his career with British Rail in 1970 and is considered one of the leading architects of the modern railway, with the tribute recognising his huge contribution and accomplishments in both the passenger and freight sectors.

He said: "I feel very honoured to be recognised by the industry in this way. However, I accept this honour only on the condition that it recognises the amazing efforts of the hundreds of railway men and women who I have worked with."

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