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The railways have been playing their part to mark fundraising legend Captain Tom Moore's 100th birthday today.

The Second World War veteran won the nations hearts by raising £29 million for the NHS by walking around his garden.

Both Great Western Railway and GB Railfreight have named a train and locomotive in his honour.

He has also been appointed an honorary colonel.

It's been revealed that the deadline for the decision on the West Midlands strategic rail freight interchange has been extended until May 5th.

The government made the announcement yesterday saying it is to allow for further work to be carried out before it is determined by the Secretary of State.

The decision was due to be made at the end of February.

Trains drivers who will be test driving Greater Anglia's brand-new electric commuter trains have just started their initial training, using hi-tech simulators.

The train operating company says two simulators - full-size replicas of the train cabs - have been installed at the company's training academy in Stratford.

The new trains from Bombardier are due to start going into passenger service later this year.

Finally, and those key workers travelling with ScotRail might notice something is missing when trains are departing.

According to an article in the Glasgow Times, rail staff have been stopped from using whistles to stop the spread of coronavirus.

ScotRail says if a whistle has to be used, then it should be at least 2metres away from any other person.

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