

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE



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Dear Friends,

This Newsletter, I am afraid, has a lot of practical detail about travel and also administrative paperwork, so you must bear with me. David Mead's piece about the slam-door trains will appear (I hope) in the next number.

South Western Railway have staff shortages, this means sometimes the Lymington Train will not run and will be replaced by a bus that departs up to 10 minutes earlier, on the main line some services may be delayed or cancelled, please check SWR's website before travelling.

Annual General Meeting Monday 27th September 2021

Below you will find the official Notice for the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Friends, together with the Agenda, Accounts (as yet unexamined) and the Minutes of the previous AGM in February 2020. We were lucky that we haven't in fact missed a year, since the previous AGM was held just before lockdown.

It will be followed by one of John Canavan's spectacular film-shows, which we all enjoy so much.

Good news from CrossCountryTrains

Richard Gibson of CrossCountry has secured two stops each way each day at Brockenhurst. These are: the 09:59 to Bournemouth and 10:00 to Manchester, and the 18:59 to Bournemouth and 19:00 to Manchester. This means for us that the morning stops are right for the earliest off-peak travel in both directions. But as always, check before you travel! If you are travelling at different times, you will still have to make an extra change. I can recommend Southampton Airport Parkway, as although it does not have facilities on the 'down' platform, you step off one train and onto the one you want without changing platforms. (I think that Winchester is still not a stop for the CrossCountry trains, but again do check.)

SWR PROPOSED SERVICE LEVELS CONSULTATION FOR DECEMBER 2022 SOUTHAMPTON – BROCKENHURST – BOURNEMOUTH AREA

The document only gives Mondays to Fridays and no specific times are given. Closing date of the consultation is 19th. September 2021.

The Waterloo to Poole stopping service is the main alteration in our area. The plan is to divide it into separate services east and west of Southampton Central. There will be a slower service from Waterloo to Southampton Central where the train will divide. The front portion will go to Poole as a semi fast service and the rear will form a stopping service to Bournemouth only. This will eliminate the lengthy stop-overs at Southampton and Brockenhurst, which happen now. This service will offer faster journey times from London to Totton, Ashurst, Sway and Hinton Admiral. The reverse will happen in the Up direction towards London.

Beaulieu Road will be served roughly every two hours. Unfortunately it is envisaged that trains (GWR) from Cardiff/Bristol will not connect at Southampton to the stopping service to Bournemouth.

There will still be morning peak services from the local New Forest Stations which will join up at Southampton Central and likewise in the down direction at evening peak. This is a similar situation to now.

In an attempt to speed up services to Weymouth, the semi-fast trains from Waterloo to Weymouth will miss out some stops. The train will divide at Bournemouth and the rear portion will run to Poole only calling at Branksome and Parkstone.

SWR are proposing to restore two trains an hour to Weymouth throughout the day. This should encourage leisure journeys. Both services will call at Brockenhurst for Lymington. Brockenhurst will revert to three SWR trains in each direction plus the branch trains.

The Lymington branch will retain two trains each hour. There are no plans to reduce the service.

Further afield, the SWR portions of the Waterloo – Salisbury – West of England will no longer divide at Salisbury to provide a Bristol service. The Saturday Only Salisbury to Weymouth/Swanage service will not be reinstated. There will be some services via Westbury which will reverse and end up at Yeovil Pen Mill and Yeovil Junction. These services are useful for driver knowledge in case of diversions. Likewise some evening services from Salisbury will divert to terminate at Reading. Also vice-versa. Local peak services in the Honiton area will be run by GWR. This is part of a separate South Devon rail strategy.

The Isle of Wight Railway will operate a train every 30 minutes.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM. Do please come forward if you are a new member!

With best wishes from the Committee and also from

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FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 pm AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CANNON STREET, LYMINGTON, HANTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Lymington to Brockenhurst Line will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 27th September 2021 at the Community Centre, Cannon Street, Lymington, Hants, after it was postponed *sine die* due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Nominations for the posts of officers and committee are asked for, to include names of the proposer and seconder, and to be signed by the candidate (who must show his/her willingness to stand); these must be received by G. Craufurd, East Grove, Grove Road, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 3RF three weeks before the meeting.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WELCOME by Georgina Craufurd, Hon. Secretary, introducing Alison Hull, Chair for the evening (resulting from the death of the late Nick Filbee last July)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF SWR, cancelled
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM (10.2.2020)
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT, including forthcoming events and thanks to members
6. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT
7. CONFIRMATION OF LLOYD'S BANK AS BANKERS.
8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Chair Alison Hull, Hon. Secretary G. Craufurd, Hon. Treasurer R. Craufurd, Hon. Membership Secretary vacant) and committee
10. APPOINTMENT OF AN EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS for next year
11. CLOSURE OF MEETING by the Chairman, followed by a chance for members to put comments or questions.

The meeting will be followed by tea & coffee and a Film-show (kindly created by John Canavan) on

The kenneT & avon canal at kinTbury, and a Trip in SouThampTon water in the shiel dhall

By order of the committee,

Georgina Craufurd, Hon. Secretary g.craufurd@gmail.com Tel. 01590 672406

**Friends of The Lymington to Brockenhurst Line
Annual Accounts**

01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020

INCOME	2020	2019	PAYMENTS	2020	2019
Subscriptions	£483.00	£467.00	Donations to station	£139.90	£218.55
Donations (SWR grant)	£0.00	£0.00	Meeting expenses incl.affiliation fee to LCA	£107.00	£229.00
Income from meetings	£51.00	£206.30	Newsletters	£111.71	£219.37
Sales of badges	£103.00	£24.00	Subs. to other bodies	£25.00	£25.00
CRP flower contribution	£100.00	£218.55	Pop-up posters	£0.00	£87.31
Profit from excursions	£0.00	£12.20	Excursion research	£0.00	£18.90
Donations to Filbee memorial fund (Coda)	£215.00	£0.00	Badges purchase (2019) / I	£100.00	£297.50
			Filbee fund pd to Coda	£215.00	£0.00
Total Income	£952.00	£928.05	Total Expenditure	£698.61	£1,095.63

Excess of income over expenditure (or vice versa) £253.39

Bank Current Account as at 31.12.2019 £1,955.68
(net of outstanding cheques)
Bank Current Account as at 31.12.2020 £2,209.07
(less uncleared payments plus uncleared receipts)

R.J.Craufurd

1st February 2021

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FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE
MINUTES OF THE 10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 10th February 2020 at 7.35 pm

WELCOME: Nicholas Filbee, Chair of Friends' committee, welcomed those present (a total of 37 people).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from Alison Hull, Robin James, Douglas

Robinson (to whom best wishes were sent for his recovery), Cllr. Jacquie England, Mick Peacock, Ann Phillips, Ken and Mary Wheatley, Mr and Mrs Gittins, Clive Sutton, Mr and Mrs Bryant, and Bobby Lock.

2. REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF SWR: Mr Andrew Harrowell was unable to attend the meeting.
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM (11.2.2019): these were circulated and received by all as a true record: prop. E. Lewis, sec. Keith Blount
4. MATTERS ARISING: there were none.
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman thanked everyone for their support, especially Dominique Ryley (whose flower display at the station had been admired by Station Manager Glen Hatherley) and the other volunteers. The Friends' concerns outlined the year before – the Redrow foot-bridge, the station toilet, the need for a shelter – were sadly still current. He also made an appeal for a replacement boat at the Pier station. He went on to outline future events: the commemoration of VE Day on 8th May at the Town and Brockenhurst stations, and the excursion on 6th June to Poole and Swanage, for which 18 had already signed up. Finally, he drew attention to the badges for sale at the back of the room.
6. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT: Robin Craufurd explained the changes between the accounts for 2019 and the previous year (both of which had been circulated). The accounts were accepted by all present: prop. G. Hollobone, sec. M. Fletcher.
7. CONFIRMATION OF LLOYD'S BANK AS BANKERS. This was agreed by all.
8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nigel Mussett reported that there were 154 paid-up members, with 28 honorary/ex officio members. 8 people had failed to renew their membership. He appealed to those who still paid in cash to create Standing Orders; 2 members responded.
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE: The Chair proposed that all should be voted on *en bloc*, since no new names had been put forward. Chair: Nicholas Filbee; Hon. Secretary: Georgina Craufurd; Hon. Treasurer: Robert Craufurd; Hon. Membership Secretary: Nigel Mussett; committee John Canavan (Excursions Organiser), Stephen Jones (Publicity Officer), Alison Hull, Cllr. Jacquie England (HCC representative), David Mead, Bobby Lock (CRP representative). Carried *nem. con.* Prop. Keith Blount, sec. P. Stone.
10. APPOINTMENT OF AN EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS: Mr R. Curtis was happy to continue; he was approved for 2020, and was thanked for his help over the 2019 accounts.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED by the Chairman at 7.55 pm.

He invited members to put comments or questions. Mrs. S. Ewer suggested putting the new pop-up poster at the Community Centre in the days before the 8th May VE Day commemoration with details of the forthcoming programme.

Mr. M. Fletcher gave news of the Brockenhurst Friends's acceptance as a Station Adopter, and of their plans to decorate the 'down' platform's waiting room with historic photos of the railway. Many present complained about the poor performance of the Town station's ticket machines, for instance that it would only sell car parking tickets for the actual day, not two days, and it would often produce a Single ticket instead of a Return, among other problems. It was suggested that a sign outside the station building should give details of local taxis, given that buses did not pick up passengers in the yard and there was no taxi rank.

There was then a break for tea or coffee, and a raffle, accompanied by a film show on the year's excursions, and after this a programme of film excerpts on *Glorious Devon Railways*. John Canavan (who was responsible for both) was warmly thanked by all present.