THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE



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Dear Friends.

This number of the Newsletter will contain formal announcements rather than light entertainment; but I am sure that you will forgive me. The first item is the:

Annual General Meeting which is now due to take place on 25th April 2022, followed by a film-show, courtesy of John Canavan. As you will remember from my last Newsletter, we had hoped to have it in February, but felt it was better to postpone it for a couple of months. We then had to postpone it to the present date in order to give the requisite 28 days' notice. The 2021 AGM was only held in September, even though it only covered the period January-December 2021. See the end of this Newsletter for the formal Notice and Agenda, Appendix A.

The next is the **Lymington Model Railway Exhibition**, which is due to take place in the Gates Hall at the Lymington Community Centre, on **Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April**, from 10 am to 4 pm. See their poster below. The Coffee shop may be open; it depends on volunteers.



SS Shieldhall excursion May 28th: this is now fully booked.

Railway Timetables. Things still seem to be in a state of flux. CrossCountry are not producing paper timetables for the foreseeable future, so if you need the times and don't have access to the Internet, you may have to 'Phone a friend'. The main lesson is to **check the timetable before you travel. See Appendix B.**

A final sad note: our supportive Friend, former Cllr. Paul Hickman has died; see his Obituary in the A&T for 28th January 2022. We shall all miss him.

With best wishes from your Committee, and from Georgina

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APPENDIX A

FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE NOTICE OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 25th APRIL 2022 AT 7.30 pm AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CANNON STREET, LYMINGTON, HANTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Lymington to Brockenhurst Line will be held at 7.30 pm on 25th April 2022 at the Community Centre, Cannon Street, Lymington, Hants.

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 the Chair, Alison Hull

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2. REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF SWR if possible
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM (27.9.2021)
- 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 A. Mann) and committee (S. Jones, publicity; J. Canavan, Excursions; Cllr. J. England, D. Mead).
- 10. APPOINTMENT OF AN EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS for next year (Mr Peter Simpson)
- 11. CLOSURE OF MEETING by the Chairman, followed by a chance for members to put comments or questions.

By order of the committee, Georgina Craufurd, Hon. Secretary g.craufurd@gmail.com Tel. 01590 672406

APPENDIX B: RAILWAY TIMETABLES

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY WRITES:

The new timetable will be almost identical to the one we operated in December 2021. This means that services including through trains to and from Exeter St Davids and Weymouth and a more frequent service on the Shepperton line will be reinstated. We know that colleagues have worked incredibly hard to support customers while the reduced timetable has been in place and reinstating these services will help ease the pressure on our key routes.

Due to low demand at present, there are four services that were part of our December timetable that we won't be reinstating at this point. We are however constantly monitoring customer numbers and will introduce further capacity as and when necessary. The four services that won't be reinstated are:

- 07:38: Southampton Central to Waterloo
- 17:02: Waterloo to Guildford (via Woking)
- 07:00: Shepperton to Waterloo (via Richmond)
- 08:15: Waterloo to Waterloo (via Hounslow)

The details of the new timetable are now available on our **website**, https://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/timetables, and we are continuing to advise customers to check before they travel.