

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE



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Dear Friends,

First, I must apologise to any of you who had to pay extra postage on your last surface Newsletter, as a result of an envelope which was too large. If you contact me, I will repay you! Luckily I think there were only two or three.

Next our upcoming event (which I mentioned in the last Newsletter). Mark Miller who runs Three Rivers CRP and has other hats too, is coming to talk to us on **12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30 pm** about all those picturesque little lines and stations which we can all travel to in our area. It is entitled:

Branch Lines of south hampshire



Netley station (photo Mark Miller)

Another date for your diaries: **the AGM is on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

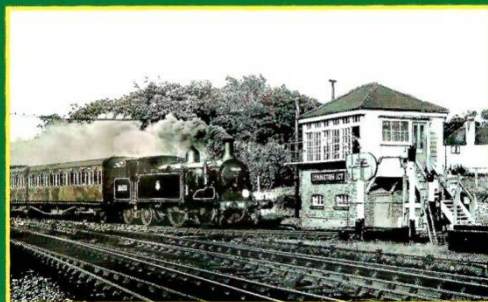
On page 2 I am sending you a note of a delightful new booklet on the Branch line, compiled by a number of our members, principally Gordon Wynne. It will be on sale on 12<sup>th</sup> November. On page 3 is an entertaining account of our most recent excursion.

Best wishes,

Georgina and the committee (tel. 01590 672406)

# CHANGE AT BROCKENHURST

Recollections of the  
Lymington Branch Railway



Gordon Wynne

Lymingtonian Gordon Wynne has recently published a book recollecting his memories of the Brockenhurst to Lymington branch line. Written in conjunction with a group of friends and former colleagues, it is dedicated to the memory of the late Roger Parker, a well-respected local and professional railwayman and Commoner of the New Forest.

Profusely illustrated with many photographs featuring the traffic and traction on the line over the past seven decades, the 60-page paperback includes childhood memories and reference to the ways in which the line has developed from the heyday of steam-hauled push-and-pull trains to the present-day services operated by the South Western Railway. Several of the photographs have not been published before and the unique character of the branch line and the people who worked it are all given pride of place within its pages. The important links via the ferry service to the Isle of Wight are stressed and consideration is given to the two erstwhile platform halts along the four-and-a-half mile branch. There is a useful six-page Chronology listing important developments in the line's history, and the text of the book itself places the line in the context of the national railway network.

The book retails at the modest price of £4.00 (£5.50 by post) and is available for purchase from Nigel Mussett, Membership Secretary of the Friends of the Lymington to Brockenhurst Line: 16 Ravenscourt Road, Lymington SO41 3PJ. Cheques should be made payable to Nigel Mussett. All proceeds from the sale of the book are being donated to the Lymington Cat and Kitten Rescue.

*Change at Brockenhurst: Recollections of the Lymington Branch Railway.*

By Gordon Wynne, published by Kirkdale Publications, ISBN 978 0 907089 14 8. Paperback, iv + 60pp. 55 illustrations, 25 in colour. Price £4.00, by post £5.50.

Twenty-seven Friends had an excursion to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway and Island Line (tube trains) back in September.



The day started out with a ferry crossing with our friends Wightlink to get us to Yarmouth. Then we boarded a Southern Vectis bus to Wootton station.

With a transfer we took a ride on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway to Smallbrook Junction.



Everyone then climbed aboard an Island Line old London tube train; this train took us to Shanklin and Ryde Pier Head before returning to Havenstreet on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway to see their museums and take lunch.



We returned back to Lymington Town via Southern Vectis bus to Yarmouth and Wightlink to Lymington Pier and we boarded the Flyer back home.

John Canavan

