

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE



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Dear Friends,

First, your committee would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, and we hope that you all had a pleasant Christmas.

Secondly, this is to send you all Notice of the **8th Annual General Meeting** on Monday 13th February at 7.30 pm; see attached Notice and Agenda. This will be followed by the usual film show: this time on the Welsh Highland Railway.

Thirdly, may we remind you that **subscriptions of £3 for 2017** are due? The Treasurer is most grateful to those who already pay by Banker's Order.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the plight of the **Hythe Pier Railway**, which is in danger of permanent closure. We may not be able to stop that, but we do encourage you all to travel on it while you can; it is a very pleasant experience, as the committee found before Christmas.



Because of the lack of buses between Lymington and Hythe, we travelled by train (starting on the Flyer, of course!) to Southampton Central. From outside the station we caught a bus (every 20 minutes at most) down to the Pier, where the Hythe ferry docks next to the Red Funnel cats which run to the Island. Tickets (buy a Return) are sold from a kiosk at the top of the slope. The ferry is mostly covered in, so no-one gets cold (though it is worth being well rugged up). Bus passes are accepted on the bus.

At the Hythe end, the ferry drops passengers off at the outer end of a long pier (because of the shallow water), and we got onto the waiting 2-foot gauge miniature train. This is pulled (or pushed) by electric Brush locos which saw service during WWI from 1917. These are said to be the oldest locos still in public service. (Check return train/ferry times.) There are lots of places to eat, but we had lunch at the Sea Shells restaurant on the first floor of the shopping centre, with a great view of the water (and the Pier). There is also an antique pub, the Lord Nelson, in the old pedestrian High Street. The return journey is done the same way.

If anyone is interested, I can send a piece from a recent newspaper which gives more detail about the history and current problems of the Pier and ferry.

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM! Do please put your names forward to be on the committee; we have two spare places, according to the Constitution (revised).

Best wishes from the Committee of the Friends, and from

Georgina Craufurd
Hon. Secretary Tel. 01590 672406

FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the eighth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Lymington to Brockenhurst Line will be held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30 pm at Lymington Community Centre, Cannon Street, Lymington. The meeting will be followed by a break for coffee & tea, and a Film Show compiled by one of our members.

Nominations for posts of officers must be received by 24th January, to include names of the proposer and seconder and signed by the candidate (who must show his/her willingness to stand), by G.Craufurd, East Grove, Grove Road, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 3RF.

AGENDA

WELCOME by Nicholas Filbee, Chair of Friends' committee

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. REPORT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF SWT, Mr Richard Kempton.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM (9 .2.2015)
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. CHAIRMAN'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, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Membership Secretary) and committee
10. APPOINTMENT OF AN EXAMINER OF THE ACCOUNTS
11. CLOSURE OF MEETING by the Chairman, followed by a chance for members to put comments or questions.

By order of the Chairman and committee,
Georgina Craufurd, Hon. Secretary gc@gcraufurd.wanadoo.co.uk Tel. 01590 672406

There will then be a break for tea or coffee, and a raffle. This will be followed by a film show, with thanks to John Canavan:

The Welsh Highland Railway : Steam, Scenery, and Snowdonia...



The Welsh Highland Railway crossing a bridge

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