

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LYMINGTON TO BROCKENHURST LINE



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Dear Friends,

I hope that you are having an enjoyable summer. Many of us enjoyed the delightful trip by horse-drawn barge on the Wey Navigation a few weeks ago in May, and it seemed a good idea to give you notice of our next excursion to the Seaton Tramway in Devon, on 3rd September. See page 2.



A Seaton tram alongside the River Axe

CALLING ALL MODEL RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS: 10th & 11th SEPTEMBER

Some of you will already know about this: the Museum of the Great West Railway at Swindon –is holding a Model Railway spectacular as part of the Railway Festival on 10th and 11th September 2016, which will feature 26 model layouts of GWR/BR(W) Region. Tel. 01793 466637 or visit www.facebook.com/steammuseum. If anyone is interested we can also photocopy the flyer.

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TAKE A TRAM TO THE SEASIDE



SEATON TRAMWAY EXCURSION

It's an Electric Trip Aboard a "Tram"

A journey on the Seaton Tramway is a great day out like no other; Step back in time and experience the only way to travel. Open top double deckers for panoramic views of the 2 nature reserves on the River Axe estuary before arriving at seaside resort of Seaton; the gateway to the Jurassic Coast.

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2016

Cost: Members £30.00 Non Members
£38.00

**MEET at 8:20am LYMINGTON TOWN STATION CAR
PARK**

Trip Includes: -

**Return Rail Travel from Lymington Town to Axminster
Return Travel on the Seaton Tramway**

Paid Locally:-

Return Bus Travel Axminster to Colyton (free to Bus Pass holders)

Return to Lymington Town Station at 17:50

**To Book Please Phone 07505 123826 (Leave a Message)
By Thursday 25th August 2016**

Seaton Tramway Itinerary

We meet at 8:20am Lymington Town Station; our group catches the 08:29 from Lymington Town, which will connect with the 08:45 SWT service to Southampton Central (Arr8:58). We have time to walk over to platform 4 to connect with the 09:10 GWR to Salisbury (Arr9:40), where we board 09:47 SWT service via the North Dorset countryside to Axminster in East Devon (Arr11:02). We catch an Axe Valley Bus (Dep11:12) to Colyton Village (Arr11:26). It is a 5-minute walk from there to Seaton Tramway's Colyton Station.

On arriving at Colyton Tramway Station we will board the 11:50 Tram to Seaton (Arr12:14). Your ticket will include return travel on the Tramway.

At leisure at Seaton (you could return to Colyton Station for a taste of freshly home-cooked food from the Tramstop Café); last departure time from Seaton is 13:40; which arrives at Colyton 14:03.

Rendezvous will be at Colyton Tramway Station 14:20, to walk to Colyton Village in time to catch the 14:36 Axe Valley Bus to Axminster Station (Arr14:50). We board 15:06 SWT Service to Salisbury (Arr16:16) before getting the 16:32 GWR Service to Southampton Central (Arr17:03) in good time for the 17.24 to Brockenhurst (Arr 17.37) for the 17.42 Lymington connection, which arrives at Lymington Town at 17.50.

To book your place phone 07505 123826
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All payments are required to reach John Canavan by Thursday 25th August 2016.
Cheques are payable to John Canavan.

If we look even further forward, we have the Autumn Talk on 7th November. This will be by Dick Hewett on The Sprat & Winkle Line. Dick was instrumental in saving Romsey signal box, which we gave details about in the previous Newsletter; it is open for visits, as you will remember.

With best wishes for the rest of the summer from the committee,

Georgina
Tel. 1590 672406

APPENDIX: THE STORY OF OUR NEW PLANTERS AT THE STATION

Some of you will have noticed the two smart new planters in the yard at the station, besides the existing one and the beautifully planted baskets and boats. Back in 2010, when the Friends had only just been founded, Bobby Lock organised the making (on the Isle of Wight) of two splendid wooden trough planters for Lymington Town station, where they have given pleasure to many. Sadly however it is an exposed spot, and we noticed this winter that one was beyond repair, while the second was in need of care and attention. South West Trains were happy to provide replacements, which we much appreciate, and Bobby put us in touch with the Phoenix Project, a wonderful centre at Ryde on the Island, which had made the originals. This is how Samantha Whittingham describes it:

The Phoenix Project is a day service for adults with learning disabilities based on the Isle of Wight. The Phoenix Project is a very friendly, lively and sociable place, where people are able to meet up with their friends and participate in the wide range of activities on offer. This gives individuals the opportunity to develop and learn new skills and have a full and active life.

The woodwork department at the Phoenix Project enables service users, supported by trained staff, to produce a range of different items, with individuals having the opportunity to design and produce their own items. The group also works together to produce a variety of goods including planters, trugs and bird tables which are sold to the general public. Samantha (sam.whittingham@phoenixprojectiow.org) can also be contacted on 01983 810172.

