



The 8E Railway Association Newsletter Summer 2011



Welcome to this edition of your newsletter.

Notes from The AGM held on 14th December 2010

- The elected committee comprises of: Chairman – Peter Dixon; Secretary – Brian Burgess; Treasurer – Keith Roberts; Membership Secretary – Roger Morris; Fixtures Secretary – Jon Penn; Honary Auditor – David Hawkes; Other Committee Members – Alan Ashurst & Paul Tench.
- A revised constitution has been prepared and published
- Member numbers remain stable at ~70.
- Admission to meetings for all members and first time visitors will continue to remain free; returning visitors will be asked to make a donation of £3 per visit (or, of course, to join the Association).
- Our web site is www.8erailwayassociation.org.uk . Contributions from members are most welcome please contact any committee member or forward by email to The8erailwayassociation@hotmail.co.uk
- Detailed minutes of the AGM can be obtained from any committee member at any meeting.

The 8E Railway Association 2011 Summer Outings....

To celebrate The 8E Railway Association's 30th anniversary, Alan has organised three trips this year:

Tuesday June 14th – Northwich

7:30pm in The Penny Black at Northwich for a chance to lift a glass to 30 years of the Association. Usually an excellent range of up to ten well kept beers here with which to toast the Association in the former Head Post Office building. It is about ten minutes walk from the station (just keep going past the Gladstone Club across the by-pass and it is on your left). I will bring along some photos, etc, from this exciting period when steam made a highly visible return to Northwich 8E shed.

Saturday July 23rd – Greater Manchester 'Wayfarer Day'

Meet at Manchester Central (G-Mex Deansgate-Castlefield) Metrolink platform 10:45-11:00 for a tram trip along the new extension along the CLC South Manchester Line followed by a stroll along the Fallowfield Loop cycleway (former GCR to Gorton) for lunch at The Great Central pub in Fallowfield (railway memorabilia on display and original station building frontage). Then bus back to city centre for afternoon options tbc.

Wayfarer ticket (£10; £5 concessions) covers all travel and available in advance at manned stations.

09:37 ex Northwich then tram from Altrincham direct to G-Mex; other travel via Piccadilly then Deansgate.

Tuesday August 9th – Crewe

Evening visit to Crewe Heritage where Centre Manager (and 8E stalwart) Mike Lenz will give us a tour of the site and facilities, etc. Meet at Hops public house (Prince Albert St. opp. Crewe library) 5:00pm or Crewe Rail Station concourse 6.30pm [1801 ex Hartford; 17:51 ex Stockport; 17:55 ex Chester; Arriva 31 or 37 bus ex Northwich/Winsford/Middlewich/Sandbach]

Alan R Ashurst

Forthcoming Fixtures for 2011-2012 – All start at 7.45 prompt

<u>September 13th</u>	- TBA
<u>October 11th</u>	- Edgar V Richards: Steam Around Britain in the 60's
<u>November 8th</u>	- Bill Andrews: Life as an Engine Driver
<u>December 14th</u>	- AGM. This will be followed by a local B&W presentation
<u>January 10th</u>	- Karl Jauncey & Dave Richards (PSOV): Mainline Steam 2011
<u>February 14th</u>	- Colin White (B&R Video): Archive Cine Film from the 50's & 60's
<u>March 13th</u>	- Geoff Coward: Back To The 60's
<u>April 10th</u>	- Stephen Gay: Walking The Line. Discovering Lost Railways
<u>May 10th</u>	- TBA

Special Message to All Members

For 2011-2012 it is planned that any fixture updates, other society fixture listings, or other relevant news items will be directly communicated to you by email from our 8E hotmail.co.uk address. If you would like to receive these updates please forward your email address to The8erailwayassociation@hotmail.co.uk

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