



The 8E Railway Association Newsletter



Summer 2012

Welcome to this edition of your newsletter.

Notes from The AGM held on 13th December 2011

- The elected committee comprises of: Chairman – Peter Dixon; Secretary – Brian Burgess; Treasurer – Keith Roberts; Membership Secretary – Roger Morris; Fixtures Secretary – Vacant; Honorary Auditor – David Hawkes; Other Committee Members – Alan Ashurst & Paul Tench.
- Member numbers have reduced slightly over the last 12 months with some renewals still outstanding. Currently we have 38 annual members and 21 life members. In future it was agreed that all annual memberships will be due in September each year with pro-rata reductions for renewals between December 2011 and July 2012. Annual membership subscription remains at £15.
- Admission to meetings for all members will continue to remain free; a £3 charge will be made for any visitors and lapsed members (or, of course, they can join/rejoin the Association).
- The 'Preservation Fund' listed separately in our accounts currently stands at £289. The committee will consider any suggestions to make donations from this fund back to the 'railway community'.
- Our web site is www.8erailwayassociation.org.uk . Contributions from members are most welcome please contact any committee member or 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 2012 Summer Outings....

Alan has once again organised three trips this year:

Tuesday June 12th – Knutsford

Meet at Knutsford Station 19:00 for a short walk through the town to The Angel – a Joseph Holts hostelry at the top of King Street. Included in the evening will be something a little different – 'Things you didn't think you knew about the CLC....' Train times are 18:37 from Northwich returning at 21:59; or 18:46 from Altrincham returning at 21:49.

Saturday July 14th – Greater Manchester 'Wayfarer Day'

Meet at Manchester Piccadilly at the buffer stops, platform 1, below the Woodhead Tunnel Memorial Plaque at 11.00am (09:37 ex Northwich, 10:04 ex Altrincham or tram) for 11:18 to Gorton, and thence a 60 minute level walk along eastern end of 'Fallowfield Loop Line Path' (ex-GCR) to Levenshulme. From here 12:58 train to Buxton (13:50) for exploration of rail interests in the town plus JD Wetherspoons 'Wye Bridge Inn', etc. Patrons wishing to omit the walk could depart Northwich 11:37 and connect at Stockport into the Buxton train at 13:05. Option for further beers at Whaley Bridge or Stockport in the evening are a possibility.

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

Saturday August 11th – Manchester Museum of Science & Industry

Saturday 11th August: Meet Deansgate main line station 12:00noon (09:37 or 10:37 ex Northwich, change for tram at Altrincham or local Northern Trains services at Piccadilly) for short 'Heritage' walk around Castlefields / Manchester Central area thence (13:30 – 16:30) afternoon at 'MOSI'. Early evening option to continue to Stalybridge buffet/bar for appropriate rail-themed beers and entertainment.

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

Please feel free to invite friends along to any of the above Summer Outings - these are not intended to be exclusively '8E Members Only' events.

Alan R Ashurst

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Forthcoming Fixtures for 2012-2013 – All start at 7.45 prompt

<u>September 11th</u>	- Chris Banks: Engine Sheds (Part 1)
<u>October 9th</u>	- Tony Icke: Decades of Change
<u>November 13th</u>	- Mike Lenz: 25 Years of Crewe Heritage Centre
<u>December 11th</u>	- AGM. This will be followed by 30 Years of The 8E presented by Alan Ashurst
<u>January 8th</u>	- Karl Jauncey & Dave Richards (PSOV): Mainline Steam 2012
<u>February 12th</u>	- Colin White (B&R Video): Archive Cine Film from the 50's & 60's
<u>March 12th</u>	- TBA
<u>April 9th</u>	- Graham Nicholas: Tornado
<u>May 14th</u>	- TBA

As discussed at the AGM and as can be seen from the elected committee list we have an outstanding vacancy for a Fixtures Secretary. Obviously without fixtures there would be no meetings...!! If any member would like to join the committee as Fixtures Secretary this would be appreciated.

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 have been receiving these updates by email then we have your correct email address and will continue with these updates in the future; If you have not been receiving regular email updates and would like to in the future then please forward your email address to The8erailwayassociation@hotmail.co.uk

Future Newsletters

This will be the last Newsletter which will, by default, be posted out to members who are not at the meeting when the Newsletter is published. For the future the Newsletter will be distributed at the meeting of publication and after that by email to all members with a known email address. Any member wishing to continue with a posted Newsletter should email The8erailwayassociation@hotmail.co.uk or contact Paul Tench on 07790 486 735