

DETAILS OF 7th AGM OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY

since formation as a Company Limited by Guarantee and the 72nd since the formation of the Society

To be held on 13th May 2023 at 15:00 at the Loco Shed, Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway, The Warren, Stanton Street, Sittingbourne ME9 8AT

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway, The Warren, Stanton Street, Sittingbourne ME9 8AT, on Saturday 13th May 2023 at 15:00. **Free admission to the Site will be by means of your Membership Card; if you have lost or misplaced this please contact the Secretary for alternative means of admission.**

The Entertainment ...

For the AGM this year we have followed the format of former years and have arranged a programme around the weekend (Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2023) with a variety of visits including Narrow Gauge and Miniature Railways. Whilst access to Bredgar & Wormshill will be free of charge to 2022/23 and 2023/24 members, we are making a small charge for Sunday's visits; you will also need to arrange your own transport and accommodation and pay for your food and drink.

Bredgar & Wormshill Railway 11:00 – 15:30 13th May 2023.

Attendees are invited to arrive at any time after 11:00. A number of locomotives (diesel only) will be running, and rides will be available to NGRS members until 15:00. As the café will be open to the public, you are asked to bring your membership card, in order to gain access to the site, and to enjoy the rides. Our hosts intend to utilise all track and to provide an interesting demonstration of movements.

NGRS Annual General Meeting Loco Shed 15:00 – 15:30 13th May 2023.

This will take place at the Bredgar & Wormshill Railway, The Warren, Stanton Street, Sittingbourne, ME9 8AT

Evening meal

A table has been booked at The Bobbing Apple, Sheppey Way, Sittingbourne, ME9 8RZ at 19:30..

Places can be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis (maximum 20 people).

Sittingbourne & Kemsley Railway. 10:45 – 13:00 14th May 2023.

We are planning for the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Railway to run a special train for us, leaving Sittingbourne Viaduct at 11:00. We will have time for a guided tour of the locomotive shed at Kemsley Down, and will be back at Sittingbourne by 13:00.

The Society are subsidising this visit for members, and will be charging £6 per head.

Wayside Light Railway 14:00 – 17:00 14th May 2023..

Lawrence Martin has invited us to a private visit to the Wayside Light Railway, Hunton, Maidstone ME15 0QH on the Sunday afternoon. There will be a selection of special trains with mixed stock. Light refreshments (teas, biscuits) will be provided.

The Society are subsidising this visit for members, and will be charging £6 per head.

Swanley New Barn Railway, BR8 7PW are open to the public on both Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, from 10:30-17:00 on both days.

As the railway expects to be busy over the weekend, we haven't arranged a specific visit, However, members are welcome to visit Swanley under their own steam over the weekend, if they desire.

Trade Stalls

Members should be aware that trade stands will only be permitted by arrangement with the Host Railways. Any members wishing to bring a trade stall to the AGM please contact the Secretary in advance so that we may discuss it with our hosts.

Safety, behaviours and admission

Please see Visits Policy, previously published in Narrow Gauge News, available on the Society website or by request from the Secretary.

Other Information

The Directors/ Committee will hold their May meeting at the Loco Shed at Bredgar & Wormshill Railway at 10:00.

These visits are subject to the Visits Policy, non-members will **not** be permitted to attend as guests without the written formal Invitation of the Company Secretary. A copy of this notice is available on the Society Website.

If any members require additional details or have specific queries, please contact the Visit Officer for further information.

Registration for AGM & Weekend Visits

Please complete this registration form and return by post to NGRS Visit Officer, 16 Mascot Road, Bristol, BS3 4PP by 6th May 2023. Members with Internet access will also receive this information by e-mail, and may register / book via Membermojo.

Our host railways would like details of our numbers, to help them in providing sufficient staff and facilities to accommodate our visits.

I wish to attend the following:

Saturday 13th May 2023

AGM at Bredgar & Wormshill Railway (No charge) 11:00 – 15:30 Yes No

Evening meal at The Bobbing Apple, Sittingbourne 19:30 - 21:30 Yes No

Food to be ordered on the night (payable at the venue)

Sunday 14th May 2023

Sittingbourne & Kemsley Railway (£6 per head) 10:45 – 13:00 Yes No

Wayside Light Railway (£6 per head) 14:00 – 17:00 Yes No

Combined Price (£10 per head) Yes No

If attending both visits on the Sunday, the combined charge is £10 per head. (In order to qualify for this discount, you must also have attended Saturday's AGM).

Payments (cheques payable to Narrow Gauge Railway Society)

Sittingbourne & Kemsley Railway £6

Wayside Light Railway £6

Both visits (& AGM) £10

Members of your party

(Note that all must be NGRS members)

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Please enclose 2 x SAE (1 for acknowledgement; 1 for joining instructions, which will be sent early in May)