

RAIL REOPENINGS CONFERENCE

Saturday 14th November, 2009

St John the Baptist Church Hall, Corby, Northamptonshire NN17 1UR



Corby rejoined the rail network in February, giving more than 50,000 people who live there the chance to travel by train from the new station, pictured left. This did not happen by accident. Rail campaigners fought a long battle to bring back the trains. Now we must build on that success.

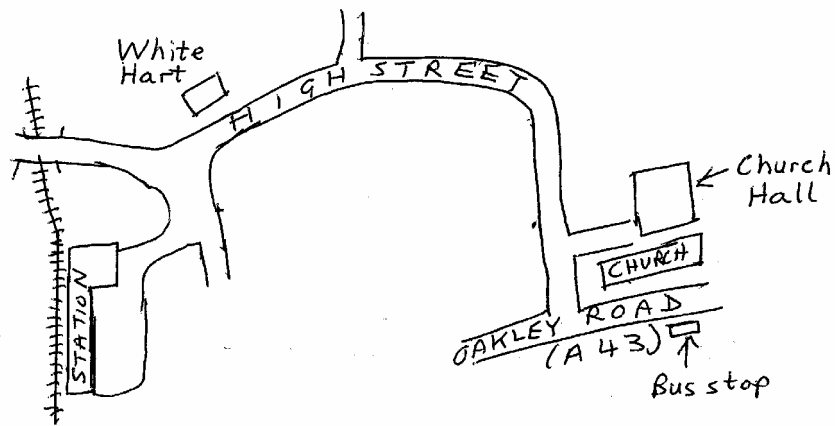
PROGRAMME

- 10.30** Registration and coffee
- 11.00** Chairman's welcome and announcements
- 11.10** Welcome by **Jim Wade**, Railfuture East Midlands Branch
- 11.15** **Councillor Mark Pengelly**, Deputy Leader, Corby Borough Council, on the Council's role in bringing passenger trains back to Corby
- 11.45** **Colin Elliff**, Railfuture Board member, on Woodhead: a total transport solution
- 12.15** **Brian Barnsley**, Operations Manager, Association of Community Rail Partnerships
- 12.45** Railfuture Annual Draw
- 12.55** Announcements
- 13.00** Lunch
- 14.00** **Tim Shoveller**, Managing Director, East Midlands Trains
- 14.40** **Steve Abbott**, Secretary, Travelwatch East Midlands - The campaign for a better service on the Liverpool-Norwich route
- 15.20** **Jim Bamford**, Rail officer for Nottinghamshire County Council - Rail successes in the East Midlands and aspirations for better links with other regions
- 16.00** Draw by Roger Blake
- 16.05** Reports and discussion (*NB: If any member has a particular item to raise at this point, it would be helpful for us to know in advance in writing.*)
- 16.25** Chairman's closing remarks

Please see overleaf for venue, transport and accommodation information

VENUE

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DIRECTIONS: From the station, walk along the approach road, turn left and then right at the White Hart pub along the High Street. When this bears right, follow it and you will see the spire of the church among trees to your left. This is about ten minutes' walk.

TRAIN SERVICES: Trains depart London St Pancras at 8.00 and 8.30, departing Kettering (for connections from the north) at 09.31 to reach Corby at 09.40. Trains return to Kettering at 16.43, 17.43 and 18.43.

BUS SERVICES: The X4 bus stops at the church and at Corby rail station. It operates between Milton Keynes-Northampton-Kettering-Corby-Oundle-Peterborough and the bus stops outside St John's Church (both sides of Oakley Road, which is a dual carriageway). Ask the driver for this stop as it is not listed in the X4 timetable but is a recognised stop for this service. It leaves bay 15 at Peterborough Queensgate Bus Station (200 meters from the rail station) at 07.40, 09.10 and 10.10 and takes just over 40 minutes for the journey. Return buses leave Corby at 17.19, 18.24 and 19.24.

The X4 also leaves Kettering Newland Street at 15 and 45 minutes past each hour and takes 25 minutes to reach the church.

The Corbystar 5 and 5A serves the station approximately every 15 minutes each way to the Town Centre and the ASDA superstore. This service is useful for any delegates who have arrived in Corby town centre on the X1 railink bus from Kettering station. The 5 and 5A continue into Corby Old village

after/before Corby station. Delegates are advised to alight at the Cardigan Arms pub, which is five minutes walk from the venue.

For local bus times call Traveline 0871 200 22 33. At Corby station there is a real time bus timetable screen. There is a taxi rank outside the station and the journey time to the venue is about five minutes in a cab. There are also two local taxi companies: 01536 202020 and 01536 443322.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotels in the centre of Kettering: George Hotel, Sheep Street 01536 518620; Comfort Royal Hotel, Market Place (from £45) 01536 520732; Hawthorn House Hotel, 2 Hawthorn Road (from £37) 01536 482513. **Hotels near Corby:** Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Rockingham Road NN17 1AE 01536 401348; Hampton by Hilton, Princewood Road, NN17 4AP 01536 211001.

REFRESHMENTS: Loco Coco is the new coffee bar at Corby station and welcomes Railfuture delegates. A great choice of hot drinks and snacks are available from 6am to 6pm.

HARRINGWORTH VIADUCT: On Sundays until 6th December, East Midlands Trains passenger services between Kettering and Leicester are being diverted via Corby and over Haringworth Viaduct, Britain's longest masonry viaduct that spans the Welland Valley. You may wish to stay the Saturday night and travel this route, in which case we advise you to stay in Kettering.

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