

The **monthly** branch newsletter of **railfuture** in London and the South East

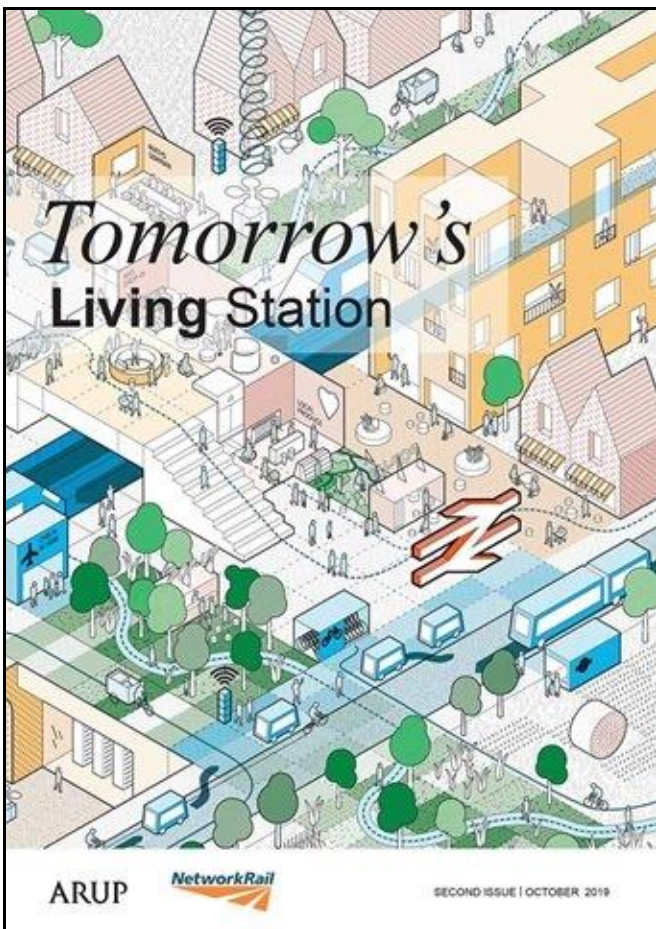
Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway for passengers and freight

Welcome to a second festive edition



In wishing all our readers a **Happy New Year**, note a rare rail birthday in January – Ashford International's on the 8th, its 24th since opening for Eurostars in 1996.

Notable timetable changes since mid-December are:
~ half-hourly Saturdays direct Horsham-Peterborough
~ all-day Monday-Saturday calls at Cooksbridge
~ late-evening Moorgate line reductions/alterations
~ two extra early-morning Overgrounds from Barking
~ peak Overgrounds every 6 mins to/from Stratford
~ first-ever [Overground services on Boxing Day!](#)



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See next page for two free daytime London workshops

Our vision for rail: A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.

What have we been doing out there?

Since the early-December edition no.18 of *inter-railse* Railfuture in London and the South East has:-

Celebrated with affiliated user group [Cooksbridge Area Rail Action Group](#) on 21 December their first [Saturday and all-day weekday services](#) since May 1984!

Responded to [TfL's third consultation](#) on the [Bakerloo line extension](#), which closed on 22 December.

Responded to South Western Railway's consultation on [proposed alterations to some late-night services](#), to start December 2020, which closed on 23 December.

What shall we be doing out there?

TfSE's consultation on its [draft Transport Strategy](#) closes on Friday 10 January 2020.

Lewes and Eastbourne Councils' consultation on ["Eastbourne's Direction of Travel: Issues and Options for the Eastbourne Local Plan 2018-38"](#) also closes on Friday 10 January.

After an invitation from Erith Model Railway Society, our branch stall at their annual show in Longfield, Kent on **Saturday 25/Sunday 26 January** will welcome you for however short or long a time you can volunteer.

East Midlands Railway's consultation on [proposals for the December 2020 timetable](#) closes on Friday 14 February; we'll liaise with other branches to respond.

Office of Rail & Road's consultation on [Accessibility of rail replacement services](#), closes on 14 February.

We're **asking our audience**, that's you, our members! What do you wish us to say? **Your comments** please, to roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk who will forward them to the Railfuture member leading on our response.

Standing Orders to be suspended!

The December *railse* should have carried the first notice of **AGM 2020**, and called for nominations to branch committee and any motions for discussion at our AGM, with the second notice to follow in March. That did not happen, but there is still time to submit nominations by Saturday 25 January. The AGM will be on Saturday 25 April, and as before will probably be held in Wesley's Chapel near Old Street station.

Our vision for Railfuture: An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision makers come for advice, and which rail users are proud to join and recommend.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

Friday 20 December-Thursaday 2 January Check the [Christmas and New Year 2019/20 Travel Summary](#) before you travel: [Christmas Railway Upgrade projects](#).

Saturday 4-Sunday 5 January HS1 Javelins and Eurostar non-stopping through Ashford International.
Saturday 4-Sunday 5 January All services reduced at London King's Cross.

Tuesday 7 January "Lessons learned from the Thameslink Project." Free evening talk in London.
Tuesday 7 January "The role of Future Mobility in the Transport for the South East Strategy." Evening talk in Lewes.
Tuesday 7 January Chesham & District TUG.
Tuesday 7 January London CfBT.

Wednesday 8 January Eastern Division.

Thursday 9 January Sussex & Coastway Division, Cooksbridge. Guest speaker Phil Hutchinson, GTR.
Thursday 9 January "Network Rail Helicopter Operations Team." Free evening talk in Croydon.

Saturday 11-Sunday 12 January HS1 Javelins and Eurostar non-stopping through Ashford International.
Saturday 11-Sunday 12 January All services reduced at London King's Cross.

Monday 13 January Bexhill Rail Action Group.
Monday 13 January "Tram Train Initiative." Free evening talk in London.

Tuesday 14 January Office of Rail and Road publishes Estimates of station usage for 2018/19.

Saturday 18-Sunday 19 January All services reduced at London King's Cross.
Sunday 19 January HS1 Javelins and Eurostar non-stopping through Ashford International.

Monday 20 January "New trains for Docklands."

Tuesday 21 January "Spa Valley Railway." Free evening talk in Redhill.
Tuesday 21 January "Tuning in to our customers." Evening talk in London.

Saturday 25-Sunday 26 January Railfuture L&SE stall at Erith Model Railway Society, Longfield.
Saturday 25-Sunday 26 January NO train services into or out of London King's Cross station.

Saturday 25 January Close of nominations for London & South East branch committee.

Monday 27 January Design Council/Network Rail's "Think station: your ideas for a new passenger hub." Free daytime workshop in London.

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Friday 31 January Copy date for your campaign news/reports for London & SE branch Local Action column in April's *railwatch* no.163, and for March's *railse* no.147. Send to londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk
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Tuesday 4 February "London Overground: History and Developments." Free evening talk in London.
Tuesday 4 February "Signal sighting: dark art to scientific speciality." Evening talk in Lewes.

Wednesday 5 February "Freight logistics in 2020 and GB Railfreight's role in it." Evening talk in Canterbury.

Thursday 6 February "TfL's new Service Control Centre at Hammersmith." Afternoon visit.
Thursday 6 February Sussex & Coastway Division.

Saturday 8-Sunday 9 February All services reduced at London King's Cross.

Monday 10 February Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Saturday 15 February Kent Division.
Saturday 15-Sunday 16 February All services reduced at London King's Cross.
Saturday 15-Sunday 23 February Train services suspended on the Blackheath line (Kidbrooke<> Barnehurst) for landslip prevention works.

Tuesday 18 February "Open Access rail operations." Evening talk in Redhill.
Tuesday 18 February Chesham & District TUG.

Wednesday 19 February "The Future of Transport." Free evening talk in Basildon.

Saturday 25 April London & South East branch AGM, central London.

Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.

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