

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

## Another month and still no difference



Exercise by feet tapping to “This train is bound for .....”  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7IZMgI0\\_3w&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7IZMgI0_3w&feature=youtu.be)

## COVID-19 briefing to Railfuture members

As we continue to stay at home, more events go virtual and can be found shown as **online** in our [events page](#). They include meetings of three of our local Divisions.

**No railway birthdays in June** but first, an important correction to a May birthday in the previous edition from a subscriber, and then a happy May picture.

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1986 Kensington Olympia services were NOT extended to and from Willesden Junction station, just Willesden as the place for through services to connect in and out of the West Coast Main Line. Scheduled West London Line Silverlink Metro passenger services from Clapham Junction via Kensington Olympia first reached Willesden Junction station on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1994. Thanks, Stuart G.



Lea Bridge station opening – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016. From left: Roger Blake, Jennette Arnold AM, Peter Woodrow and Roger Gillham (CLUA), Stella Creasy MP.

**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 still been doing?

Since the early-May edition no.23 of *inter-railse* Railfuture in London and the South East has:-

~ seen a letter from its Vice-Chair published in June's [Modern Railways](#) about MarshLink stations' usage.

Railfuture has received recognition of its valuable guide “[Expanding the Railways – How to develop and deliver a proposal](#)” in an [article in RailStaff magazine](#).



One of a number of [video-conference backgrounds](#) from TfL

The branch has also held successful virtual meetings of three Divisions; a fourth may well do so in July. For members unfamiliar and / or uncomfortable with the technology, it has been shown possible to fully engage with no more than a landline telephone. Please try it!

## Rother Valley Railway

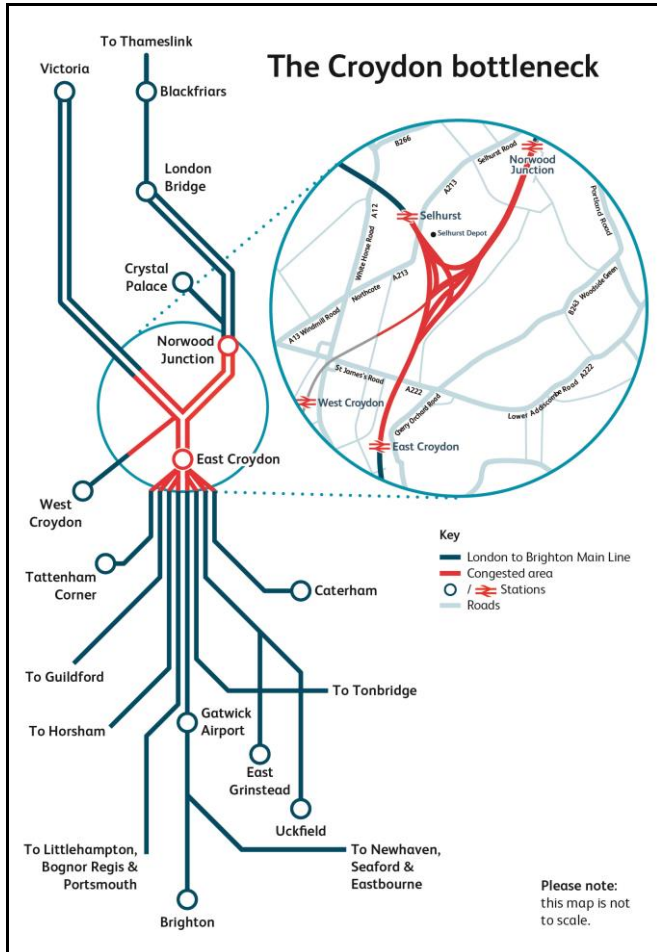
A clarification: in the previous, May edition we said “*One thing which we shall not be doing is engaging with the Public Inquiry for unresolved objections to the application for a Transport & Works Act Order for Robertsbridge Junction-Bodiam, which had been due to start on 26 May but has been postponed sine diem.*” That was only in the context of the Inquiry's indefinite postponement, not a change from our position of support for the Robertsbridge – Bodiam proposal.

[Community Rail Network](#) is the new name, with logo, for the old Association of Community Rail Partnerships. It is currently producing e-newsletters weekly rather than monthly, and the sign-up to subscribe is [here](#).

## What shall we be doing (remotely)?

Continuation for another month of *modus operandi* shift!

**1 June 2020** “Unblocking the Croydon bottleneck” – Network Rail have started the second round of public consultation on [Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme](#), until Sunday 20 September. No public events likely until September so live June weekday chat sessions and a telephone hotline available until mid-July.



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](mailto:roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk) who will be taking the lead on Railfuture's response.

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## Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

For regular updates on “Decarbonising Transport”, the DfT's [Transport Decarbonisation Plan](#) due to be published 'later in 2020', email [TDP@dft.gov.uk](mailto:TDP@dft.gov.uk)

**Monday 1 June** Start of Network Rail's second round of consultation on Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme, until 20 September – **online**.

**Tuesday 2 June** “Climate change and Environmental Impact Assessments.” Sign up for **webinar** recording.

**Wednesday 3 June** “The art of being assertive.” Free morning webinar **online**.

**Thursday 4 June** ORR publish Passenger Rail usage for January-March 2020, the last before travel limits.

**Thursday 4 June** Sussex & Coastway Division **online** meeting.

**Friday 5 June** “Fundamentals of project management.” Free lunchtime webinar **online**.

**Saturday 6-Sunday 14 June** Bike Week – **online!**

**Monday 8 June** Bexhill Rail Action Group **online** meeting.

**Friday 19 June** Revised closing date for applications to Network Rail for the third New Stations Fund.

**Friday 19 June** Closing date for full submissions to DfT for the second round of the Ideas Fund for ‘Restoring Your Railway’.

**Saturday 20-Sunday 21 June** NO services in or out of London King's Cross station.

**Thursday 25 June** “Docklands light railway.” Free evening talk **online**.

**Saturday 27 June** Herts & Beds Division – **online**.

**Saturday 27 June** Railfuture national AGM, including presentation of Rail User Group Awards and Railfuture Campaigner of the Year 2020 award – CANCELLED.

**Tuesday 30 June** “Engaging local media.” Community Rail Network talk **online**.

**Tuesday 30 June** “The next generation of railway workers” with Andrew Haines OBE, Chief Executive of Network Rail, **online**.

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