

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

Railfuture goes to the Palace



25.05.1873 - 05.07.1954 / 01.05.1859, 17.05.1982 Alexandra Palace

Our regular stall (no.101 this year) – as well as the rest of the show – will be well worth a visit on Saturday 18th between 10.00-17.00, 10.00-16.30 on Sunday 19th. Free Shuttle buses from and to Wood Green Piccadilly line station, via Alexandra Palace mainline station (above right, and bearing its fourth name since opening in May 1859!) which may have no rail services on the Saturday.



What shall we be doing this month?

London and South East regional branch members and / or committee members will be:-

- ~ participating in an alternate-monthly meeting of the Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee.
- ~ participating in an alternate-monthly meeting of the Brighton Transport Partnership.
- ~ participating in the Southeastern Stakeholder Forum.
- ~ making submissions to the Planning Inspectorate on a site in Ringmer which is of vital interest to a potential new Uckfield-Lewes rail link and now the subject of two appeals on the same site against refusals of planning permission for either 75 or 200 new homes.
- ~ holding a regular meeting **online** of the L&SE regional branch committee, with thoughts focussed on organising our own AGM in April and the national AGM and award presentations which we're hosting in July.
- ~ holding regular meetings of our Sussex & Coastway, Eastern and Herts & Beds Divisions (**online**).

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

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-February edition of *inter-railse* no.56, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members have, amongst their various other activities:

- ~ participated in the Steering Groups for Southeast CRP's MarshLink, Uckfield & East Grinstead, and Tonbridge-Reigate-Redhill lines.
- ~ joined regular meetings of our Sussex & Coastway, Herts & Beds, and Kent divisions – all **online**.
- Also in February, regional branch committee members:
 - ~ joined a presentation about the MTR / Network Rail / Stellar proposals for Liverpool Street station.
 - ~ oversaw the L&SE branch-led joint response, with Wessex and Thames Valley branches, to a 'call for evidence' from the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the South East to its second Inquiry

All-Party Parliamentary Group for the South East

(under the auspices of South East Councils) related to Transport Infrastructure: "*The South East and 'Global Britain': what role for transport infrastructure in underpinning Britain's plan to trade and grow?*"

- ~ participated in an **online** meeting of Transport for the South East's Transport Forum, the last before the full Partnership Board signs off the Strategic Investment Plan at its meeting on 13th March.
- ~ held a regular meeting **online** of the L&SE regional branch committee, with thoughts beginning to turn to organising our own AGM in April and the national AGM and award presentations which we're hosting in July.

Britain's Growing Railway in London and the South East: March birthdays

- ~ in 1991 (precise date/s in March uncertain, the airport was opened officially on the 15th), north and south chords off the West Anglia Main Line and the new 3-platform Stansted Airport station.
- ~ on 27th, in 2008, Heathrow Airport T5 extension from Heathrow Central / T1-3, and new Terminal 5 station.

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.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

Thursday 2 March Office of Rail & Road publishes quarterly Passenger rail performance data for Q3, October-December 2022.

Thursday 2 March Sussex & Coastway Division in-person evening meeting, at Bishopstone station. [Invite non-members!](#)

Saturdays/Sundays 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 March The line between Shenfield and Witham will be suspended to facilitate construction for the new **Beaulieu Park** station. Additional dates of planned engineering work in the lead up to Easter will be advised in due course. On the first two weekends the Shenfield-Southminster / Southend Victoria lines also closes, for bridge works.

Wednesday 8 March Eastern Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 15 March Spring Budget 2023.

Thursday 15 March Herts & Beds Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 16 March Office of Rail & Road publishes quarterly Passenger rail usage data for Q3, October-December 2022.

Saturday 18 / Sunday 19 March Railfuture L&SE regional branch stall at Alexandra Palace during the London Festival of Railway Modelling.

Tuesday 21 March “*Green parcel logistics – the modified class 321.*” Evening technical lecture.

Tuesday 28 March Office of Rail & Road publishes quarterly Freight rail usage and performance data for Q3, October-December 2022.

Thursday 30 March “*Turning point for the railway.*” Railfuture national conference, Leeds.

Thursday 30 March Sussex & Coastway Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Friday 31 March Network Rail’s Strategic Business Plan for Control Period 7 (2024-29) should have been published by this date.

Thursday 6 April **NO** Sussex & Coastway Division evening meeting! **DO NOT** invite non-members!

Easter Saturday 8 April Nominations close for



Rail User Group Awards; presented 15 July (below).

Saturday 22 April Railfuture L&SE regional branch morning open meeting ([invite non-members!](#)) and afternoon members’ AGM.

Sunday 21 May Nominations close for Railfuture Member (formerly Campaigner) of the Year Award.

Saturday 15 July National AGM, in London, followed by presentations of Member (formerly Campaigner) of the Year Award, and Rail User Group Awards.

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

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