

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

Coronation edition

Coronation Day for King Charles III will be on Saturday 6th May, with a public holiday on Monday 8th May.



"Royal Sovereign" 67006 - one of three locos nominated to work the Royal Train

What shall we be doing this month?

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

~ celebrating the return, from the start of the new timetable on Sunday 21st May, of all-day / every day hourly Southern MarshLink services calling at Winchelsea and Three Oaks.

~ participating in the alternate-monthly meetings of the Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee and of the Brighton Transport Partnership.

~ holding a regular meeting **online** of the L&SE regional branch committee.

~ holding regular meetings of our Sussex & Coastway, Herts & Beds, Eastern and Kent Divisions.

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-April edition of *inter-railse* no.58, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members have, amongst their various other activities:

~ participated in the L&SE regional branch's annual open meeting – guest speakers Mark Valleley from TfSE, our Policy Director Ian Brown CBE – and AGM. Click to view [meeting papers and Mark's presentation](#).

~ joined an in-person meeting of Herts & Beds division.

~ participated in Greater Anglia's second revived annual in-person Stakeholder Forum.

Also in April, regional branch committee members:

~ gave a presentation to Haywards Heath U3A group.

~ held a regular meeting **online** of the L&SE regional branch committee.

~ participated in an **online** workshop for a Stratford station Diversity Impact Assessment. This from the DfT's Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline update, October 2019: *Stratford Station Passenger Capacity Project / To accommodate increased passenger numbers at Stratford Station, in addition to accessibility improvements.*

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.*

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

~ restoration of North London Line passenger services across Hackney between Camden Road and North Woolwich, in 1979

~ West Ham Low Level station, in 1979

~ North London Line stations at Hackney Central and Hackney Wick, in 1980

~ Moulsecoomb station, in 1980

~ North London Line station at Dalston Kingsland, in 1983

~ North London Line station at Homerton, in 1985, together with overhead electrification

~ the North London Line's Graham Road Curve, for services diverted into Liverpool Street from a closed Broad Street, in 1986

~ restoring passenger services between Kensington Olympia and Willesden and north-westwards, in 1986

~ restoring passenger services between Farringdon and Blackfriars, in 1988

~ St Paul's, now City, Thameslink station, in 1990

~ restoring passenger services between Kensington Olympia and Willesden Junction High Level stations, in 1994

~ Chafford Hundred station, in 1995

~ Heathrow Central and Heathrow T4 stations, and the link from Airport Junction, in 1998

~ West Ham High Level and West Brompton mainline platforms, in 1999

~ Mitcham Eastfields station, in 2008

~ New Cross Gate Down Junction, for Overground services from Dalston Junction to Crystal Palace and West Croydon, in 2010

~ Lea Bridge station, in 2016

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

Monday 1 May Copy date for your campaign news, letters, articles, photos to appear in July's *railwatch* no.176. Send to editor@railwatch.org.uk

Thursday 4 May Sussex & Coastway Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 4 May "The next chapter in British rail: delivering rail reform – one year on." Guest speaker: Elaine Seagriff, Director of Strategic Planning, Great British Railways Transition Team. Free **hybrid** evening lecture.

Tuesday 9 May Herts & Beds Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Wednesday 10 May Eastern Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Saturday/Sunday 20/21 May Regional branch / Kent division stall at Faversham Festival of Transport.



Saturday 20 May Kent Division afternoon in-person meeting. Venue: Guildhall, Market Place, Faversham, ME13 7AG. [Invite non-members!](#)

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

Monday 22 – Sunday 28 May Community Rail Week
[#ConnectingCommunitiesByRail](#)
See <https://communityrail.org.uk/communityrailweek/>

Sunday 4 June Railfuture's "Bridge the gap" campaign stall at Uckfield & District Lions Club's



afternoon Family Fun Day and Car Boot Sale, Uckfield.

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Saturday 15 July Railfuture's national AGM, in the Woburn Suite of University of London's Senate House, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU, followed by presentations of Member (formerly Campaigner) of the Year Award, lunch, and the Rail User Group Awards.

Nominations for the 2023 Rail User Group Awards



closed on Easter Saturday. The three entries from within our regional branch area: Friends of Bishopstone Station, Rail CargoLiner, Tonbridge Line Commuters. Awards and commendations will be presented by our Hon. President Christian Wolmar after our national AGM, in the afternoon of Saturday 15 July.

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

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Members – individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business – can support Railfuture by joining our monthly [lottery](#).

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