

2010 RAIL USERS CONFERENCE

Saturday 3 July 2010 11.00 to 16.30

Conference theme: Rail development

The Albemarle Centre, Albemarle Road, Taunton TA1 1BA Five minutes walk from station



PROGRAMME

- 10.00** Doors open
- 10.30** REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- 11.00** Chairman's welcome and announcements
- 11.05** Welcome by the Mayor of Taunton Deane, **Councillor Jefferson Horsley**
- 11.15** **John Bird**, *First Great Western Interface Manager, Reading*
Major projects
- 11.45** **Charles Varey**, *Network Rail, Senior Commercial Schemes Sponsor*
The Southampton to WCML W10 gauge enhancement project
- 12.15** **Nick Gallop**, *Intermodality*
Clearing the route – the opportunities and hurdles for rail freight in the South West
- 12.45** Questions to the Speakers
- 12.55** Announcements
- 13.00** LUNCH
- 14.00** **George Boyle**, *Railfuture*
Railfreight campaigning
- 14.30** **Keith Walton**, *Severnside Community Rail Partnership*
The partnership approach to improving local rail stations
- 15.00** AFTERNOON BREAK
- 15.20** **Richard Burningham MBE**, *Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership*
Community rail in Devon and Cornwall
- 15.50** Questions to the Speakers
- 16.05** General discussion chaired by Railfuture vice chairman **Jerry Alderson**
- 16.30** CLOSE

Directions to the Albemarle Centre

Leave the station from platform 2 and turn right. Follow the pedestrian ramp (there is a sign indicating Town) down to (and parallel with) Station Road. Cross Station Road at the pedestrian crossing and turn left, continuing under the railway bridge. Pass a set of traffic lights and then take the first turning on the right into Albemarle Road. The Albemarle Centre is almost immediately on the right. *Walking time is about five minutes*

Taxis

Taxi rank is outside the station by platform 2

Trains serving Taunton

Taunton is served by First Great Western to and from London Paddington and the West of England. Return times after the conference to Reading and London are 17.31 and 18.32 (calling additionally at Castle Cary, Westbury and Newbury). There is also an hourly local service to and from Bristol and Cardiff (a convenient train leaves Taunton at 17.07).

CrossCountry Trains provide at least one train per hour to and from the Midlands and North. Likely convenient times after the conference are 16.51 to York and 17.51 to Leeds.

Trains to the West of England after the conference leave at 17.03 (FGW to Penzance), 1718 (CrossCountry to Penzance) and 1743 (CrossCountry to Paignton)

Bus services

A number of bus routes pass Taunton station – inward buses to the town centre stop outside the up (north) side of the station. The 28 bus to Minehead stops outside Platform 2 on the down (south) side of the station. This is the bus to aim for if you plan to visit the West Somerset Railway over the weekend. Bus times to Minehead are shown on the train information TV-style monitors. For local bus times call Traveline 0871 200 22 33 or www.traveline.org.uk

West Somerset Railway

A leaflet is enclosed with this programme

Accommodation

Hotels and B&Bs reasonably close to the station or in the town centre include:

Premier Inn – Massingham Park TA2 7BX - 0870 197 7293

Bloreng House – 57 Staplegrove Road TA1 1DG – 01823 283005

4 Elm Grove TA1 1EG – 01823 354653

Castle Hotel – Castle Green TA1 1NF – 01823 272671

Corner House Hotel – Park Street TA1 4DQ – 01823 284683

Brookfield House – 16 Wellington Road TA1 4EQ – 01823 272786

Lowdens House – 26 Wellington Road TA1 4EQ – 01823 253454

Salisbury House Hotel – 14 Billetfield TA1 3NN – 01823 272083

For those online try also www.visitsomerset.co.uk

Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be available at registration and during the conference breaks

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