

The Bassil Shippam Centre
Tozer Way, St Pancras, Chichester, PO19 7LG

Wednesday 24 May
At 19:15

The Lynton and Barnstaple Railway



Illustrated talk by

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Pre 1898 when the
line opened
through initial
closure in 1935 to
the present day and
plans for the future

Entry by donation on the door. £2 Members £3 Guests

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Southern Region

Work to reduce ticket gate congestion progresses at London Victoria



To keep people moving freely to/from platforms we're increasing the number of ticket gates at the station from 86 to 125, adding 8 wide (accessible) gates for passengers with wheelchairs, buggies and bulky luggage. The plans include opening up the concourse serving platforms 15-19 with an access route created from platform 14 and the existing escalators to Victoria Place shopping centre.

To create space for the extra ticket gates the Gatwick Express ticket windows will be moved and gateline retail units moved elsewhere in the station. Demolition of the retail units is now almost complete. The project will continue into 2024.

Timetable changes to be introduced on May 21st 2023 that affect Westway.

Southern

Monday to Saturday

Brighton and Hove

Two additional services in the morning peak but will not run in the evening peak hours.

Brighton and West Worthing

Additional peak services will run in the evening

Brighton to Littlehampton

16:51 service will now run between Brighton and West Worthing only

Littlehampton to Brighton

17:51 service will now run between West Worthing and Brighton only

Chichester to Brighton

An additional service will run at 07:43

Thameslink

Littlehampton and London Bridge

Will now operate as a Southern service and will no longer call at Gatwick Airport.

Horsham and London Bridge

Sunday services will not run.

Transforming the passenger experience at Gatwick airport station



The passenger journey into Gatwick station now

The station entrance is now hardly recognisable compared to how it looked before the project started. An additional 500 m² of space has been created for passengers on the station concourse and the passenger experience has been transformed by the following:-

- New flooring (a total of 2,200 m² which is around 6,300 floor tiles).
- New customer information screens which provide a much better quality of display and show the next fastest train, platform number, stopping pattern and train operator.
- New gatelines with wide access gates making them easier to use for those with luggage or those needing mobility support. They also all have a barcode reader meaning all ticket types are accepted (including Google and Apple Pay), which gives passengers complete freedom to choose how they want to pay for their journey.
- A much bigger self-service ticket vending machine area with 17 machines.
- New bright, energy efficient LED lighting.
- New and improved wayfinding which is helping passengers see where they need to go much more easily.
- A new special assistance point which has been designed to make the journeys of passengers in wheel-chairs, with visual impairments, the elderly, families with buggies and travellers with a lot of luggage as easy as possible.

[Find out more](#) about the Gatwick airport station upgrade

More Images from Cuba - Alan Wallbank

Following on from last months article by Alan on his visits to Cuba, here are some of his images of the derelict locomotives displayed on the streets of Cuba





The 313 Farewell Tour - 29th April 2023

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The 313's were a development of the Class 445 (4-PEP) prototypes from the early 1970's and were originally built for use on the Great Northern suburban electrification scheme. In 2010 a total of 19 of the then 35 year old trains were refurbished for use on the Coastway lines. Previously they had been dual voltage 750Vdc/25KVac units, but were converted to 750Vdc only for use on the Southern 3rd rail system.

The 313 Farewell tour was an out and back tour from Brighton departing at 09:01, returning shortly after 18:30. Leg one saw the tour arrive at Portsmouth Harbour shortly after 10:30, before heading for Bognor Regis, Littlehampton, Hove, Three Bridges, Eastbourne, Ore, Lewes, Newhaven Marine and Haywards Heath.

Rail Blue unit 313 201 was the star of the tour coupled to 313 213. 201 carried headboard '313 Farewell 1976-2023', whilst 213 carried the sign 'Sussex Rambler'

Operation in normal passenger service of the remaining 313s continues until Saturday 20 May. Below and on the next X pages are some images of the tour.



Having just passed Portsmouth & Southsea station the tour descends from the high-level platforms with the 10:40 Portsmouth Harbour to Littlehampton, via Bognor Regis, leg of the tour. The scene is dominated by a collection of South Western Railway Class 444 and 450, berthed for the weekend in the Down Carriage Sidings, and multi-storey blocks of student accommodation towering over the city centre. 29 April 2023. RS

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Above: The 10:40 Portsmouth Harbour to Littlehampton tour leg approaches the West Barnham public footpath crossing before entering Barnham Station. IM

Below: Having visited Bognor Regis the tour now leaves Barnham station on it's journey to Littlehampton. IM

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Departing from Three Bridges at 14:11, bound for Eastbourne and Ore, the Class 313s have just restarted from Lewes, accompanied by some enthusiastic train horn activation, following a short stop. 29 April 2023. RS



Returning from Ore to Brighton via Haywards Heath, the Class 313 farewell tour reversed at Lewes travelling on the Seaford branch as far as Newhaven Harbour, before deviating to briefly visit Newhaven Marine, now devoid of passenger services, but historically used by boat trains from Victoria connecting with ships to Dieppe. RS

Hayling Island & Stroudley A1X class No. 46 "Freshwater" : Images by Paul Myatt ©



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