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"Flying Scotsman" passing  
Cosham at 12.17 on time  
on its way to Portsmouth in  
rather overcast weather on  
17th June 2023

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**No Island Line trains to Smallbrook Junction until 8th July!!?**

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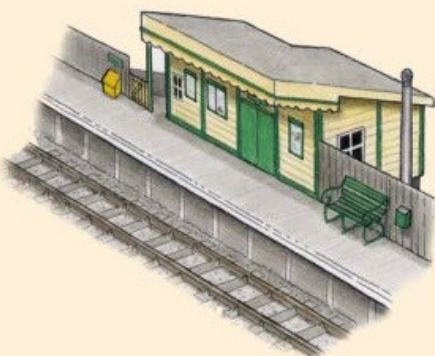


TRAIN



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**GETTING TO THE RAILWAY BY TRAIN**



Board Island Line services from Ryde, Brading, Sandown, Lake or Shanklin, taking you directly to Smallbrook Junction station. Here it's a simple cross-platform connection to the Steam Railway.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Island Line trains will not stop at Smallbrook Junction between Mon 26 June and Sat 8 July.

Island Line | 0345 6000 650 | [southwesternrailway.com](https://www.southwesternrailway.com)

Until Monday 10 July The section of the Island Line between Ryde Pier Head and Ryde Esplanade is currently closed due to vital maintenance on Ryde Pier.

- From Monday 26 June to Sunday 2 July, Island Line services will run between Ryde St Johns Road and Shanklin with shuttle buses running between Ryde Pier Head, Ryde Esplanade and Ryde St Johns Road.
- From Monday 3 to Thursday 6 July, Island Line will be closed. A replacement bus service will run. Please see posters at stations for details of the replacement bus stops.
- From Friday 7 to Sunday 9 July, Island Line services will be revised.
- From Monday 10 July, Island Line will be operating a full service between Ryde Pier Head and Shanklin



**National Rail**

**Beta**

**Industrial action to affect National Rail services on various dates in July.**

The RMT Union have announced three days of strike action to affect 14 train operating companies during July, on Thursday 20 July, Saturday 22 July and Saturday 29 July.

In addition, the ASLEF union, have announced action short of a strike across 16 train operators from Monday 3 July to Saturday 8 July. This action involves ASLEF members withdrawing from working overtime during the six day period.

**Monday 3 July and Saturday 8 July inclusive**, an amended timetable with fewer services will operate across the Southern, Thameslink and Great Northern networks.

## Merchant Navy Class Locos operating between Southampton and Fareham via Netley

Further to David Lusby's interesting article in the March Newsletter and comments re the use of Merchant Navy class locomotives over the Netley line, there was one instance recorded on Sunday 07 November 1965.

During engineering work possessions on the South West Main Line via Basingstoke it was, and still is to this day, common practice to divert services via Havant and Guildford. Steam haulage in the 1960s was normally Bulleid Light Pacifics and BR Standard Class 5s.

The work to electrify the Bournemouth main line in the mid-1960s resulted in many weekend diversions. 35028 Clan Line hauled the 10:34 Bournemouth Central to Waterloo via the diversionary route on Sunday 07 November, the schedule and timing performance shown below. The locomotive returned to Bournemouth with the 16:30 Waterloo to Weymouth via Basingstoke, the engineering work having ended earlier in the day. An example of current day diversions is also shown for a special ecs from Southampton to Waterloo on a recent strike day Thursday 18 March 2023, data records taken from [realtime.trains.com](https://realtime.trains.com). There may have been other instances of a Merchant Navy traversing the Netley line, but if so it would have been an extremely rare occurrence.

Sunday 07 November 1965

10:34 Bournemouth Central - London Waterloo

35028 Clan Line + 8 carriages

Thursday 18 March 2023

Bournemouth Central - London Waterloo

Empty Coaching stock

|                        | 07-Nov-65 |        |       | 18-Mar-23 |        |        |
|------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|
|                        | Load 8    | Load 8 |       | ECS       | ECS    |        |
|                        | Schedule  | Actual |       | Schedule  | Actual |        |
| Southampton Central    | 00:00     | 00:00  |       | 00:00     | 00:00  |        |
| Northam                | 03/00     | 03/33  | +0.33 | 02/30     | 02/45  | +0.15  |
| St Denys               | 05/00     | 05/17  | +0.17 | 04/00     | 05/15  | +1.15  |
| Fareham                | 22/00     | 23/52  | +1.52 | 20/30     | 22/00  | +1.30  |
| Cosham Junction        | 33/00     | 31/25  | -1.35 | 27/00     | 29/30  | +2.30  |
| Farlington Junction    | 35/00     | 32/13  | -2.47 | 28/00     | 30/00  | +2.00  |
| Havant arrive          | 40:00     | 37:24  | -2.36 | 31/00     | 33/45  | +2.45  |
| Havant depart          | 41:00     | 38:40  | -2.20 |           |        |        |
| Petersfield            | 59/00     | 55/20  | -3.40 | 43/00     | 45/00  | +2.00  |
| Haslemere              | 78/00     | 68/17  | -9.43 | 53/00     | 65/00  | +12.00 |
| Guildford arrive       | 96:00     | 90:39  | -5.21 | 65/00     | 76/00  | +12.00 |
| Guildford depart       | 97:00     | 90:43  | -6.17 |           |        |        |
| Woking Junction        | 106/00    | 99/27  | -6.33 | 70/30     | 82/00  | +11.30 |
| Hampton Court Junction | 118/00    | 113/46 | -4.14 | 78/30     | 96/00  | +16.30 |
| Clapham Junction       | 129/00    | 127/15 | -1.45 | 86/30     | 111/30 | +25.00 |
| Waterloo               | 136:00    | 134:55 | -1.05 | 93:00     | 118:30 | +25.30 |



**Pretty in Perutz Pink !!** © John Barrowdale

These Images from John Barrowdale's collection were originally taken on Perutz film. It was known for having warm tones! All pictures taken in 1961.



**Above:** A1X No 32661 is approaching Langstone.

**Below:** E4 0-6-2T No 32468 is coming into Guildford





## What's on for the Railway Enthusiast in June

| Railway                     | Date(s)                       | Event                                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Watercress Railway          | 1 July 2023                   | Urie Locomotive Society Open Day        |
| Bluebell Railway            | 1 July 2023 - 2 July 2023     | Model Railway Weekend                   |
| Isle of Wight Steam Railway | 1 July 2023 - 2 July 2023     | 1940's Experience                       |
| Kent & East Sussex Railway  | 1 July 2023 - 2 July 2023     | Art Weekend                             |
| Bluebell Railway            | 8 July 2023                   | Reptiles at the Bluebell Railway        |
| Watercress Railway          | 8 July 2023 - 9 July 2023     | Art on the Line                         |
| Isle of Wight Steam Railway | 8 July 2023 - 9 July 2023     | Young Engineers Day                     |
| Bluebell Railway            | 9 July 2023                   | Southern MG Car Rally                   |
| Watercress Railway          | 14 July 2023 - 16 July 2023   | Diesel Gala                             |
| Isle of Wight Steam Railway | 15 July 2023                  | Real Ale Train                          |
| Bluebell Railway            | 16 July 2023                  | Birds of Prey                           |
| Bluebell Railway            | 22 July 2023 - 22 August 2023 | Shaun the Sheep at the Bluebell Railway |
| Isle of Wight Steam Railway | 23 July 2023                  | Island Highland Gathering               |
| Isle of Wight Steam Railway | 29 July 2023                  | The Steam Railway Proms                 |
| Bluebell Railway            | 30 July 2023                  | Toy & Rail Collectors Fair              |
| Bluebell Railway            | Various Dates in July         | Day & Evening Dining Trains             |
| Watercress Railway          | Various Dates in July         | Day & Evening Dining Trains             |

| Railway                         | Website  | E-Mail   | Telephone                                  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Bluebell Railway                | <a href="http://bluebell-railway.com">The Bluebell Railway in Sussex   A heritage steam railway (bluebell-railway.com)</a> | <a href="http://bluebell-railway.com">The Bluebell Railway in Sussex   A heritage steam railway (bluebell-railway.com)</a> | <a href="tel:01825720800">01825 720800</a> |
| Isle of Wight Railway           | <a href="http://iwsteamrailway.co.uk">Isle of Wight Steam Railway – The 10 Mile Museum (iwsteamrailway.co.uk)</a>          | <a href="mailto:info@iwsteamrailway.co.uk">info@iwsteamrailway.co.uk</a>   | <a href="tel:01983882204">01983 882204</a> |
| Kent & East Sussex Railway      | <a href="http://kesr.org.uk">Kent &amp; East Sussex Railway – Tenterden – Northiam – Bodiam (kesr.org.uk)</a>              | <a href="mailto:enquiries@kesr.org.uk">enquiries@kesr.org.uk</a>   | <a href="tel:01580765155">01580 765155</a> |
| Watercress Railway              | <a href="http://watercressline.co.uk">Watercress Line - Heritage Steam Railway</a>   | <a href="mailto:info@watercressline.co.uk">info@watercressline.co.uk</a>   | <a href="tel:01962733810">01962 733810</a> |
| Littlehampton Miniature Railway | <a href="http://littlehamptonminiaturerailway.com">Home (littlehamptonminiaturerailway.com)</a>                            |  | <a href="tel:01903719876">01903 719876</a> |

## ***Littlehampton Miniature Railway - Celebrates 75 years since the first opening!***

The October 2021 Newsletter had a short article on the Littlehampton Miniature Railway (LMR) including a brief history of the line and describing some of the motive power units that are used to operate the 12¼" gauge line. A Mr HG Cookson of Billingshurst was the first operator of the line which opened over the Whitsun weekend of 15th – 17th May 1948. An advertisement appeared in the Littlehampton Gazette on Friday 14th May. This makes the railway 75 year old this year and the current operators had the 75th Anniversary weekend on the 24th & 25th of June. To mark the special occasion, the weekend was held using steam haulage throughout and beside the LMR's own 2-6-2 tank engine Number 4 'Christopher', two further locomotives were brought in. They were :-

- Ruislip Lido Railway - 2-4-0ST+T Steam Engine "Mad Bess", - built by Ruislip Lido Railway 1986 - 1998
- Exbury Gardens - 0-6-2T + Tender "Rosemary" - built by Exmoor Steam Railway in Devon



**Above:** Exbury Garden's "Rosemary" arrives at the Norfolk Road Terminus with a full train of passengers!

**Right:** LMR's "Christopher" basks in the sun awaiting it's next turn of duty.

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Ian McKey ©





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**Above:** “Mad Bess”, Ruislip Lido Railway’s 2-4-0T + Tender, starts away from the Norfolk Road terminus heading for Mewsbrook Park. The Guard and ticket inspector taking their seats at the last moment!!



“Rosemary” poses for the photographers in the sunshine at Norfolk Road.

**Second Chance Saloon for the Lynton & Barnstaple!!**

If any RCTS Chichester Branch member or visitor missed our excellent May meeting on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway by Mike Pearce, then the talk is being repeated again on the 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 at The Watercress Line Heritage Railway Trust (WLHRT) Portsmouth Branch at: - Cosham Community Centre, - 1 Wootton Street, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 3AP.

You are very welcome to come along, but there is a charge of £4. It has its own car park plus a NCP next door as well.





LNER 60103 “**Flying Scotsman**” is seen on the Cosham triangle between Cosham and Portcreek Junctions on 17th June 2023.  
The train, run by the Railway Touring Company is 1Z72: 08:45 Victoria to Portsmouth Harbour. © Roger Sandford