

Railway Ramblings

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Meetings This Month

A reminder that there are no August meetings at either Hitchin or WGC but there is a branch visit to Bressingham Steam Museum, near Diss, Norfolk on 27th August. This is open to family and friends. A special rate of £10 per person is available to us and will include the engine sheds and workshop (note: children will not be allowed in these areas). Unlimited train rides are included. Their website will give you a good overview of what's there. If you have not already done so, names to Dave Elsdon please (email: hitchin@rcts.org.uk or call 01438 714277).

Normal branch meetings at both Hitchin and Welwyn Garden City recommence in September (details overleaf).

From the Photo Album



9-car bi-mode Azumas are now in service on some LNER Leeds trains alongside HST & 91's. The up 1A30 12.45 Leeds -KGX HST with 43290 & 43295 passing down 1D18 14.33 KGX -Leeds IET 800105 at Brookmans Park alongside GTL 700048 on 2C32 14.21 KGX- Cambridge on Friday 28.6.2019 (Taken from adjoining footpath using ladder to shoot over the fence).

Photo: Adrian White

If you have photos you are willing to share with other members please supply them, with a suitable caption, to the Editor (John.Dossett@btinternet.com). They should be your own photographs!

Chairman's Platform

As I am sure you will have already noticed this month sees a change to the newsletter title: The Hitchin Flyer and Garden City Express have been merged into Railway Ramblings. I will email this out on 1st of each month, with a few paper copies available at the monthly meetings. If you wish to be added to the email list please let me know (gricersteve@hotmail.com).

Our branch outing this year is to Bressingham Steam Museum on 27th August and I hope to see many of you there. Family and friends are most welcome.

Book Sales

The book-sales table is popular at meetings and the revenue helps towards our running costs. If you can contribute any books to the branch they would be most welcome, and it will give you shelf-space to purchase "new" books for your own enjoyment!

Members' Weekend

The 2019 members' weekend is Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019 and is based at the Holiday Inn, Leicester. Full details, including the programme of activities, have been distributed with the July issue of the Railway Observer.

Details are also available online at www.rcts.org.uk/society/news/2019-members-weekend

Forthcoming Branch Events

During September 2019

At Hitchin (19:30-22:00, doors open 19:00)

10 September: **Modern Traction in the 1960's** – "Expect some great photography" – David Percival

At Welwyn Garden City (14:00-16:30, doors open 13:30)

24 September: **Through Kirton Tunnel** – "A railway journey from Sheffield to Cleethorpes" – Stephen Gay

The new meeting donation rates, starting at the September meetings, are £2 for members and £3.50 for non-members. These rates were approved at the 2019 AGM.

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