



SOCIETY NOTES

The society always welcomes newsletter contributions. If you have an article, photo, story or event you would like to be featured in the newsletter then please get in touch with the editor who will be happy to include your contributions in a future edition.

For anyone that hasn't already renewed their membership they can do so at the next meeting. Renewal forms were sent out with a previous newsletter however copies will be available on the night.

NEWSDESK

A £240 million investment made by Siemens Mobility in Goole Rail Village has been recognised with a Special Recognition Award at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Chairman's Awards for the company's contribution to the local economy and community of East Yorkshire.

The award recognises the profound and positive impact Goole Rail Village has made to the area, including Siemens' support for local charities, schools, and community organisations.

As well as building trains, Goole Rail Village has components, logistics, innovation, office facilities, and a bogie assembly and service centre is being constructed. The village will bring 1,000 new jobs to the area, and another 1,700 opportunities in the supply chain.

Currently being assembled at the site are new trains for the Piccadilly line for Transport for London, which are due to start passenger service by the end of this year.

Following Hull Kingston Rovers' victory over Catalan Dragons to reach the Challenge Cup final at Wembley, Hull Trains have announced that a special additional service will operate on 7th June to take fans to the capital for the game against Warrington Wolves.

The Hull based open access operator has said that an additional morning departure will run for the exclusive use of Hull KR fans travelling to Wembley. The train will run non-stop from Hull to Kings Cross and will return to Hull in the evening.

This means that on the morning of 7th June, Hull Trains will be providing twenty carriages-worth of trains departing Hull for London Kings Cross before 9am!

Exciting news for the city of Hull is the proposed refurbishment of Paragon Station's former ticket office into a 'high-quality' bar! The railway station was recently seen on the Apple TV+ series Blitz featuring Saoirse Ronan. Unlike a lot of other stations, it still holds a lot of its original features and charm, and the new taproom would be a welcome addition.

The former ticket office holds both heritage and listed status, which means it'll be treated with care during a renovation which will bring back into use 600 sq m of unused floor space and create 15 full-time equivalent jobs.

The new project is part of wider regeneration works at Hull Paragon Interchange. It'll see Hull Tap Ltd awarded £315,000 for the works with plans including leather and hardwood fixed seating for around 150 customers, and a new bar counter in the former ticket office, which is currently occupied by WH Smith. They will be vacating the property with government funding of £146,250 going to WH Smith Travel Holdings Limited to relocate to the vacant unit next to Costa Coffee.

Cllr Paul Drake-Davis, portfolio holder for regeneration and housing at the council, said: "These awards are another great example of the potential that the city centre grant scheme can unlock. The former ticket office has stood vacant for many years, almost a decade, so it is pleasing that a large unit will be occupied thanks to grant funding.

"These awards are also helping to maintain city centre presence for a national brand in WH Smith, whilst safeguarding jobs at the same time. Morrisons' application for the station confirms that Hull is a place that high street brands want to be and will only add to the offering for commuters and passengers alike."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Will members please note that every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in this section is up to date and accurate. It is, however, **subject to change**, and is only some of the available tours and events.

Railtours

- 7 Jun **The Tynesider** (*Railway Touring Company*)
86259 London King's Cross - Stevenage - Huntingdon - Peterborough - York
Carnforth Steam Pool York - Newcastle upon Tyne - Benton Junction - Bedlington - Morpeth - Newcastle upon Tyne - York
86259 York - Peterborough - Huntingdon - Stevenage - London King's Cross
- 14 Jun **The Jolly Fisherman** (*Railway Touring Company*)
60163 and Diesel tnt London King's Cross - Stevenage - Peterborough - Spalding - Sleaford
Diesel and 60163 Sleaford - Wainfleet - Skegness
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Preserved Railways

- 12-15 Jun **Diesel Gala** (*North Yorkshire Moors Railway*)
An intensive timetable between Grosmont and Pickering featuring: 55009, 50021, 33202, 37688 as well as their own diesel fleet.
- 27-29 Jun **Hunslet Gala** (*Embsay and Bolton Abbey Railway*)
The railway's longstanding association with industrial locomotives is epitomised by resident 16" Hunslet 'Beatrice', the pride of their fleet. Building on this legacy, the gala will showcase the evolution of the 'Fitzwilliam' Class of Hunslet locomotives, featuring an eclectic locomotive line up ranging from 14" to 18" examples. Experience an intensive timetable throughout the gala, featuring beautifully restored MK1 carriages, the impressive LNER Thompson Buffet Car and the Vintage Carriage Trust's Bulleid coach.

PHOTO GALLERY



CAPTIONS

TOP: Three from the archive this month, all taken a decade ago in the summer of 2015 in East Anglia, with the hired in 'short set'. 37405 seen leading the set into Great Yarmouth with a service from Norwich.

LEFT: 37425 is seen crossing Reedham swing-bridge with an early morning Lowestoft – Norwich service.

RIGHT: 37425 passes Stracey Arms with a midday Great Yarmouth to Norwich service.

LOCKINGTON RAILWAY EVENING

The next meeting will be on *Tuesday 24th June 2025*. The programme will include:

*A train journey from Willerby through the Yorkshire Wolds by Dennis Chapman
Building a model railway by David Harrison*

**Tea and Coffee available otherwise bring your own refreshments!
Donations please for expenses and St Mary's Church, Lockington.**

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THANKS

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PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT TWOMEETINGS

The following meetings will take place at **Driffield Community Centre**, Mill Street, Driffield YO25 6TR commencing at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

Monday 9th June 2025

7:30 – 8:30 **DIGI** The Yorkshire Wolds Railway part 1 by Phil Robson

8:30 – 8:50 **INTERVAL**

8:50 – 9:50 **DIGI** The Yorkshire Wolds Railway part 2 by Phil Robson

Monday 14th July 2025

7:30 – 8:30 **DIGI** Colour Rail 'My Railway Journey by Paul Chancellor

8:30 – 8:50 **INTERVAL**

8:50 – 9:50 **DIGI** Colour Rail 'My Railway Journey by Paul Chancellor

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