

BARKING – GOSPEL OAK LINE USER GROUP e-BULLETIN 10 FEBRUARY 2012

- **OLYMPIC WORKS TO DISRUPT WEEKDAY TRAINS!**
- **FREE TICKET AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL TRAIN OVER LINE!**

OLYMPIC ENGINEERING WORKS DISRUPTION ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

We have just learnt that a 3-day engineering block around Stratford is taking place for works required for the Olympics and even though not included in the Olympic transport network the Barking – Gospel Oak Line has drawn the short straw as usual.

On Sunday 26th February and Monday 27th February there will be no train service between Barking and South Tottenham. LOROL will be providing a 4 buses an hour replacement service with double deck buses and arranging ticket acceptance on buses, underground and national rail. Full details will follow.

LOROL have stressed to us that both they and Transport for London argued strongly with Network Rail to avert the Monday closure but their arguments were overruled.

FREE TICKET AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS FOR SPECIAL TRAIN OVER BARKING – GOSPEL OAK LINE ON SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

Hastings Diesels Limited is running a special train over our line on Saturday 31st March and they have very kindly offered 4 FREE standard class tickets to BGOLUG which have been gratefully accepted. Three tickets have been claimed by Executive Committee members, leaving just one for the first BGOLUG member to email me to claim it! The HDL leaflet is reproduced below, however the route has since been changed slightly from that shown, cutting out the South Tottenham – Stratford section and so will now cover the Barking – Gospel Oak Line in full in both directions. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEAREST BOARDING/ALIGHTING POINTS ARE CLAPHAM JUNCTION OR FENCHURCH STREET (ONE-WAY ONLY)!

HASTINGS DIESELS LIMITED

Railway Depot, Bridgeway,
St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. TN38 8AP

THE THAMES TIDAL

Our first Excursion of 2012 takes us along the north side of the Thames Estuary. The title of our train takes its name from the boat trains that once operated to Tilbury Riverside, sometimes referred to as “Tidals”.

Our route will take us via our normal pick up points to Clapham Junction, from there we travel via Barnes, Acton Wells and Dudding Hill, joining the Midland main line at Cricklewood where we head south before branching off at Carlton Road for Upper Holloway. We then take the Barking line as far as South Tottenham before turning south towards Stratford. From here we will traverse the relatively rare piece of track which takes us into Fenchurch Street station. We pause here briefly to reverse direction, and for photographers to record a rare visit of a Hastings DEMU to this London terminus. On departure we take the London, Tilbury & Southend system via Barking, Dagenham Dock, Tilbury and Pitsea to our first set down point at Southend Central. It is hoped that our length

of stay here will allow a visit Southend's famous pier of 1.34 miles, with its equally famous railway. Our train then continues the short distance to the end of the line at Shoeburyness.

On our return we will take the direct route via Basildon to Barking, where we cross the flyover to use the "Tottenham & Hampstead" route through Leytonstone to South Tottenham. Here we rejoin our outward route and wend our way around north and west London back to Clapham Junction stations to Hastings.

Our train has a well stocked Buffet Car and a selection of hot and cold snacks and drinks will be available at reasonable prices throughout both outward and return journeys. Included in the Club Class fare are food and drinks throughout both journeys, and an evening meal with wine will be served on our way home. Why not spoil yourself?

TO: Hastings Diesels Ltd. (Tours), Railway Depot, Bridgeway, St. Leonards-on-Sea. TN38 8AP

FROM : Name

Address

Telephone

E-mail address

Acknowledgement of booking is sent by e-mail; please enclose an additional SAE if one is required by post.

TIMINGS AND DETAILS ARE OVERLEAF. A BOOKING FORM IS BELOW

www.hastingsdiesels.co.uk

A Day Excursion to Southend-on-Sea and Shoeburyness Saturday 31st March 2012

THE THAMES TIDAL - Saturday 31st March 2012

Provisional Timings : These timings are approximate; final arrangements are not expected from Network Rail until quite near the date of the excursion.

Hastings depart 07.30

St. Leonards Warrior Sq depart 07.35

Battle depart 07.50

Etchingam depart 08.05

Tunbridge Wells depart 08.30

Tonbridge depart 08.45

Bromley South depart 09.15

Clapham Junction depart 09.45

London, Fenchurch St.* approx. 11.45

Southend Central approx. 12.45

Shoeburyness approx. 12.55

Shoeburyness depart 16.20

Southend Central depart 16.30

Clapham Junction approx. 18.10

Bromley South approx. 18.45

Tonbridge approx. 19.15

Tunbridge Wells approx. 19.30

Etchingam approx. 19.50

Battle approx. 20.05

St. Leonards Warrior Sq approx.
20.15

Hastings approx. 20.20

Club Class : Travel at a seat with a table, and refreshments are provided throughout the trip plus a meal with wine on the way home. Why not spoil yourself! Travel is likely to be in a DEMU trailer coach, or an additional £5 ensures travel in 'Tunbridge Wells' power car.

Travelling from

Seats required:

standard seats at £47 each*

bays of four standard seats in trailer coaches* at £175 per bay

CLUB CLASS seats at £75 each

POWER CAR supplement £5 each

Cheque (made payable to Hastings Diesels Limited) enclosed for £

Please also enclose a stamped addressed envelope for return of your tickets; these will be sent with confirmed timings a few days before the trip.

For further information (including enquiries about seat availability), please send an e-mail to

<2012@hastingsdiesels.co.uk>,

or telephone 01424 812254 [answerphone at certain times].

* Please state if you have a preference for CEP or DEMU coaches

Club Class or Standard (see above)

Power cars : A £5 supplement should be added to individual (not bay) fares for travel in power cars, either Club Class or with standard seating. Capacity is limited.

Fares : For travel to Southend Central or Shoeburyness (and return) from any of the stations listed above the standard fare is £47, or £175 for a bay of four seats; the Club Class fare is £75 per seat. There is a £5 supplement for travelling in either power car.

Smoking is not permitted in any part of our train, nor anywhere on railway premises

Booking : Please complete both sides of the booking form below, cut it off, then send it to the address shown with a cheque for the appropriate amount and a SAE for return of your tickets.

* Please Note : If you join at Fenchurch Street and wish to return to a London area station, you must alight at Clapham Junction or Bromley South as Fenchurch Street is not served on the return journey.

Glenn Wallis
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Barking – Gospel Oak Line User Group