

SOUTH EAST ESSEX RAILWAY SOCIETY

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e-Programme: January to June 2024

Dear SEERS Members

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at the Friends' Meeting House 18 Dundonald Drive Leigh on Sea, SS9 1NB and commence at 8 pm.

The kitchen will be open for tea/coffee, but **please bring your own mug!** Railways, real or model, run on tea! If you would like to volunteer to join the tea rota, please contact Roger Pickford- the more of you there are, the less often you will be called upon!

Thursday 11th January 2024: Track night. – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.
Would test track users please sign in on the White Board for their chosen slot BEFORE using the track

Thursday 25th January: “*The Palace Theatre Westcliff*” A presentation on this local landmark, by member David Simpson who is archivist of the Palace Theatre Trust,

Thursday 8th February: Track night – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.

Thursday 22nd February: “*The Early Days of the Docklands Light Railway*” A presentation by Graham Orchard formerly Civil and Structural Engineer seconded to DLR.

Thursday 14th March: Track night – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.

Thursday 28th March: “*The Unknown Photographer*” Local railways photographed by a former BR employee mostly in the 1950's.

Thursday 11th April: Track night – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.

Thursday 25th April: Annual General Meeting: The formal notice of meeting and Agenda will be circulated in due course.

Thursday 9th May: Track night – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always

Thursday 23rd May: “*Mangapps Update*” a talk by John Jolly the founder of Mangapps Railway Museum

Thursday 13th June: Track night – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always

Eastwood Vintage Trains (“The Tin Men”): Vintage Hornby O gauge and similar items. Meetings have been organised at St. Laurence Church Hall Eastwood SS2 6UH from 7pm to 10pm. There is a small entrance fee to cover the cost of the hire of the hall: the dates for 2024 are as follows: 29th Jan, 25th March, 27th May, 29th July, 16th Sept. and 25th Nov.

Joint ZOOM meetings: The joint zoom meetings between SEERS, Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts

Railways, Model Railways, Model Engineering

Affiliated to The National Transport Trust and to The Federation of Model Engineering Societies

Society and Lutterworth Railway Society continue as follows:

January 10th: History of Old Dalby Test track by Dave Coxon

February 14th: Bedlington Iron Works by Barry Mead

March 13th: Regents Canal Towpath by Lester Hillman

The sign in details will be emailed to the Newsgroup a few days before each event.

Annual Subscriptions: Members are reminded that Annual subscriptions of **£25** fall due **on 1st January 2024**; Our Hon Treasurer Alex Cranfield will accept card payments, cash, cheques, or bank transfers [details will be supplied on request]. Cheques must be made out to “**South East Essex Railway Society**” in full in accordance with banking requirements.

Society Regalia – items bearing the Society’s logo: -

Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts, available from Chairman Peter Sedge who will provide further details on request.

Enamelled Lapel Badges: available from Peter Ashton: £4 each

SEERS@70 Totem fridge magnets: **last few** available from Mick Scott: £3 each

IMPORTANT NOTE: News Group: The majority of members are signed up to the Newsgroup, to receive this programme by email and the chance to share photos and videos with other group members, in addition, group members receive *Bluebell Times*, *Rail Advent*, *Railway Gazette*, *Metro Report*, and other news items of railway interest. However, just because you have given SEERS your email address, this does not mean you are **automatically** signed up to the Newsgroup. The Data Protection regulations mean you have **specifically** to ask to join, so as to get **the full benefit** of your membership. Please ask Peter or Graham to add your name to the Newsgroup if you haven’t already done so.

SEERS and social media: The Society has [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts. If you are not familiar with them, the easiest way to access these is to Google (other search engines are available) “SEERS Rail” and follow the links.

Books for members: The Society has accounts with several well-known railway publishers/wholesalers so we can obtain books at trade prices which can mean discounts on the published price of up to 25/30%. Please ask Don, the Hon Librarian for further details and placing orders.

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