

SOUTH EAST ESSEX RAILWAY SOCIETY

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e-Programme: May – August 2025

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at the Friends' Meeting House 18 Dundonald Drive Leigh on Sea, SS9 1NB 7.30 for 8 pm. Help in setting up from 7pm is welcome. The kitchen will be open for tea/coffee, but please bring your own mug.

Thursday 8th May 2025: Track night. – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.

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Tuesday 13th May: Private visit to the London Transport Museum Depot at Acton at 2pm. Meet at Acton Town station 1.40pm. (note there are various cafes etc near the station). Led by Richard Delahoy who will take bookings: richard@signal-training.com The cost is £18 per head for the visit plus your one-day Travelcard to get to Acton.

Final date for booking 24th April

Thursday 22nd May 2025: "Ingatestone Museum - the refurbishment of an historic railway building" by Graham Orchard. The creation of the museum, the history of the building, (a railway crossing keeper's cottage), and the refurbishment carried out.

Tuesday 3rd June 2025: Track night. – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.

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Thursday 12th June 2025: Return visit to Barnards Farm Miniature Railway Brentwood Road West Horndon CM13 3FY from 3.30pm; first train at 4pm. Barnards Farm is on the A128, just south of the c2c bridge. First Essex 565 connects West Horndon Station with Bulphan Motel but check timetable for timings. The café will be open for tea/coffee and snacks. The car museum will hopefully also be open, if there are volunteers available. Please let me have your bookings. This visit is free to members.

Friday 13th June: VISIT TO Colne Valley Railway: Castle Hedingham Station, Yeldham Road Halstead CO9 3DZ. A car sharing return visit courtesy of Neil Bunt and Martin Smith. Meet at the shop at 10 am. Attractions include the Brewster Museum about the history of the railway, the signal box, TPO coach, LUL signal panel housed in cl.308 coach. At around 12.30 the HST will be started up for trips and cab rides – the only location in Essex you can ride a 125! There will be time to explore the site further as well. Tea, coffee and snacks will be available in the shop. We will finish about 3pm. Please let me have your bookings as soon as possible.

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Thursday 26th June: Mangapps Farm Railway Museum, Southminster Road Burnham on Crouch CM0 8QG. Our annual visit to John and June Jolly from 2.30 pm. This is the 36th year of the Museum.

Cost per head £18 for visit only: We hope fish and chips supper will be available at extra cost as usual (the fish and chip shop owner has retired and there is a new owner) We hope also driving one of the 03 shunters at extra cost will be available as last time. Please let me have your bookings as soon as possible.

Thursday 3rd July: House/Garden visit to Tony Wilson's from 3p.m., Gauges 0, 0n30, 00 and H0.

Wednesday 23rd July: Paul Barnard; Return Visit to Paul Barnard's Daws Heath Garden Railway as seen on "Hornby A Model World" on Yesterday TV and YouTube. 00 gauge from 5pm - SEERS' very own TV star!

Tuesday 17th July: Docklands Light Railway study tour led by Richard Delahoy.

Meeting at Tower Gateway DLR station at 10.30 (adjacent to Fenchurch Street c2c station), we will ride over various parts of the now extensive Docklands Light Railway system, including going to Bank, Canary Wharf, Stratford (by both routes), Lewisham and Woolwich Arsenal (and possibly Beckton). We will be travelling by normal service trains, there are no visits to areas closed to the public. The tour will end back at Tower Gateway but with options to end at West Ham (for c2c trains) or Stratford (for Greater Anglia).

The tour will contrast the original DLR system opened in 1987 with the subsequent massive extensions both above and below ground.

There is no charge for the tour, but you will need a one-day Travelcard for all zones. Please contact Richard for more details and bookings Richard@signal-training.com

PLEASE NOTE: This event will only take place if sufficient bookings are received by 1st July 2025

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August: SEERS exhibit at Shoeburyness MRC exhibition, The Seaglass Centre, Thorpe Hall School, Wakering Road Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3RD

Possible visit to **Braxted Bakery Railway** near Witham – details tba

Thursday 28th August 2025: Track night. – setting up from 7pm – help to set up welcome as always.

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