

Yeovil Pen Mill 150th. Anniversary

The May committee meeting of the society was attended by Colin Hayward, one of the organisers of the Pen Mill 150th. event to be held on Saturday 29th. July. Colin gave the committee details of the event such that we could plan our own contribution.

Besides the visit of 'King Edward I' on a Bristol to Weymouth railtour, it is planned to have a Prairie Tank from the WSR on static display along with some more items of modern traction.



6024 'King Edward I.'
at Blue Anchor 6th. Sept. 2002

Our society has had a good response from the membership by way of providing items for display and offers of help for which Colin and his colleagues are very grateful. We plan to have our own society display of railwayana, models and photographs, but the organisers really need a lot of help to man the event, with admission and car parking etc. We have been asked especially if we can help in those areas. As an offer of encouragement the society has been allocated four free seats on the steam special for its return journey from Pen Mill to Bristol Temple Meads and every member who turns up to help on the day will be entered into a draw for one of the seats. So come on, if you haven't already volunteered this may offer you the encouragement that you need!

Let's make it a day to remember!

MEETING DIARY

Tues. 6th. June. 'Annual General Meeting' and Railway cine films.
Tues. 4th. July. 'Steam in the 60's' Alan Reeve

'A strange start!'

First Great Western have put up new posters at Dorchester West to say it was understaffed and for season tickets the nearest staffed station was Trowbridge. It seemed to overlook Westbury, Frome, Castle Cary and Yeovil Pen Mill, let alone Dorchester South, a five minute walk away. It doesn't generate confidence in the new franchise holder having recently taken over from Wessex Trains!

'Underground mystery'

Does anyone know the whereabouts in Sherborne where three London Underground trailers are located? Recently reported in 'Rail Magazine' was a small news item stating that a newly retired London Underground driver had moved to Sherborne and had brought three driving trailers which he had placed in his back garden. Does any member have information on this?

'Torbay Express' to run again this summer.

Past-Time Rail's 'Torbay Express' is on again this summer. Starting from Bristol Temple Meads and running to Kingswear on the Paignton & Dartmouth Railway, the 'Torbay Express' this year runs for eight Sundays in July, August and September, and for two Saturdays in July and August.

Locomotives this year are booked to be GWR 'King' No. 6024 *King Edward I*, as well as 'Pacific' power in the shape of SR 'BB' No. 34067 *Tangmere* and LNER 'A4' No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*.

Booked dates are July 16, 23, 29/20, August 6, 12, 13, 20 and 27 and September 3.



34067 *Tangmere* at Dorchester South
18th. June 2005