

Events List 2003

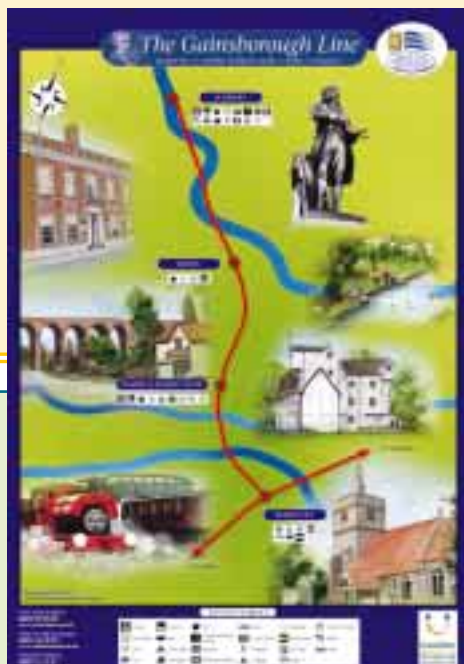
Gainsborough Line Events

April 18 - 21	East Anglia Railway Museum (EARM) Day out with Thomas	01206 242524
May 4/5/25/26/28	EARM Steam and heritage diesel rides	01206 242524
19	Launch of the 2003 Bures Jazz Festival Marks Tey Station HYPERLINK http://www.jazzonthestour.org	
June 5 - 8 21 - 22	EARM 4th Chappel Cider Festival EARM Forties weekend	01206 242524 01206 242524
July 6 10/11/12/13	EARM Steam Day Bures Jazz Festival, Trad jazz Blues, Forties, Big Band HYPERLINK http://www.jazzonthestour.org	01206 242524
20	EARM Steam Day	01206 242524
August 3 6/10/13/17 21 - 25	EARM Steam Day EARM Mini Rail Days EARM Day out with Thomas	01206 242524 01206 242524
September 9 - 13	EARM 17th Chappel Beer Festival	01206 242524
Crouch Valley Line Events		
April 18 & 21 14 & 21	Steam Days Mangapps Burnham on Crouch Easter Fun Marsh Farm	01621 784898 01245 324191
May 3-5 5 & 26	Sheep Shearing Marsh Farm Steam Days Mangapps Burnham on Crouch	01245 324191 01621 784898
13	Organic Gardening RHS Gardens Hyde Hall Rettendon	01245 400256
18	Classic Car Show & Auto Jumble Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	01268 575000
June 1 26	Guinea Pig Show Art Workshop RHS Gardens Hyde Hall Rettendon	01245 400256
July 6 7	Classic Motorcycle Show Bike Jumble Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	01268 575000
19	Art Workshop RHS Gardens Hyde Hall Rettendon	01245 400256
August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Every Sunday	Friday Fun Days Marsh Farm Steam Days Mangapps Burnham on Crouch	01245 324191 01621 784898
13	Summer Walk RHS Gardens Hyde Hall Rettendon	01245 400256
17	Classic Ford Car & Auto Jumble Battlesbridge Antiques Centre	01268 575000

September
28 17th Annual Grand Motorbilia Day
Battlesbridge Antiques Centre 01268 575000

Tending Events

April 16 - 21	Annual Art Exhibition Manningtree Methodist Church	01206 395548
25	St George's Day Dinner & Dance Esplanade Hotel, Clacton	0870 225 4809
May 10 - 11	Model Railway Exhibition, Church Hall, Mistley	0870 225 4809
17	Stour Choral Spring Concert Mistley Parish Church	01206 395263
18	Tour de Tendring, starting Low Rd, Dovercourt	0870 225 4809
24	Grand Plant Sale, Guide Hall, Barrack Field, Dovercourt	0870 225 4809
25	Mayflower Walk (See article inside)	01206 393668
26	Harwich Redoubt Fort Fete, Main Rd,	0870 225 4809
June 6 - 15	Manningtree Festival, Various venues	0870 225 4809
14 - 15	Secret Gardens Mistley & Manningtree	0870 225 4809
14 - 15 21	St Osyth Open gardens Brightlingsea Carnival	0870 225 4809 0870 225 4809
27 - 6 July	Harwich Festival of Arts, Various venues	0870 225 4809
28	Great Bentley Carnival	0870 225 4809
July 7 - 12	International Veterans Tennis Tournament, Frinton on Sea	0870 225 4809
12	Tendring Show, Lawford	0870 225 4809
14 - 19	Hastings Direct Tennis Event, Frinton on Sea	0870 225 4809
15 - 30 Aug	Frinton Summer Theatre	0870 225 4809
August 2	Brightlingsea Town Regatta and Music Festival	0870 225 4809
2 - 3	Grand Fuchsia Show, Park Pavilion, Dovercourt	0870 225 4809
9	Clacton Carnival Procession	0870 225 4809
10 - 17 21 - 22	Clacton Carnival Week, Various venues	
21 - 26 30	Clacton Air Show, West Greensward Clacton Jazz Festival, Various venues Bentley Show, Great Bentley	
September 13 - 14 21	Clacton Sci-Fi Convention, Highfields Holiday Park Clacton Triathlon	



Gainsborough maps it out

The new Gainsborough Line poster will soon be seen on platforms across the First Great Eastern network. The new poster along with the 'Crouch Valley Line', the 'Mayflower Line' and the 'Clacton/Walton Line' are all been updated and will now share a common colour scheme and identity. The fresh new style will also appear on a new range of leaflets and the soon to be launched website.

LOCAL LINES



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

We continue the work on many projects, which are still ongoing and we do not have the space to report on all of them. However here is a snippet of some of them. Wrabness Parish Council continues to work up a scheme for changing a piece of derelict land near to the station into a village garden. We are working on new posters and leaflets and hope to have our web site up and going very soon. The Gainsborough Line has firmly settled into the partnership and John is working with them on potential projects. We will be able to report further on the cycle hire project, which Adrian is working on, in the next issue. As you can see we continue to work closely with people in the community to assist them in rail related projects. If you have anything you would like to discuss with anyone of us, please contact us on one of the numbers below.

Linda Smart

ACORP Wins a Gong

The Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACORP) picked up the 'Best Small Scale Innovation' award at the Railway Industry Innovation Awards at a gala dinner, Park Lane Hilton Hotel on Monday 24th March. ESSCRP holds the chair of ACORP and was invited to be at the event. It was a great honour to be recognised for all the hard work that Community Rail Partnerships do within the National arena.

Park your bike and take the train

You will soon have the opportunity to cycle to your local railway station and leave your bike safely locked up in one of the new



cycle stands at many of the branch line stations. First Great Eastern won an award for the cycle storage provision, which was match funded by Essex County Council. Stations along the Gainsborough Line, Crouch Valley Line and Mayflower line will benefit from this new facility some time from the Spring onwards.

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Essex County Council, Suffolk County Council, Babergh, Braintree, Maldon and Tendring District Councils, Chelmsford and Colchester Borough Councils, First Great Eastern, Network Rail and the Countryside Agency

Famous replica ship visits Harwich

The replica of Capt James Cook's ship the Endeavour arrives 25th July at Trinity Pier Harwich – it is open for viewing on the 26th, 27th, 31st of July and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of August. On the 28th, 29th and 30th it will do trips to sea. Cost £7 for viewing and £100 for the sea trips.

Run by the Rotary Club of Harwich and Dovercourt 01255 505860.

Scoot Electric – making travel less hectic

An enjoyable day was spent by a member of County Hall's transportation team at a regional launch of a new Electric Scooter series imported from Taiwan. The company responsible, Scoot Electric are leading the way in promoting this cheap, convenient and environmentally friendly form of transport in this country, which they say is ideal for the daily commute to your local railway station.

Our scout was impressed by the facts and figures that accompany the scooter, which is comparable to a conventional petrol scooter in terms of acceleration, top speed and safety. It was light to handle, manoeuvrable and easy to brake. Drivers with full car licences are able to drive one with no further training; couple this with low insurance and tax costs, and easy recharging facilities, and your transport problems could be solved.

For further information on Scoot Electric, visit their website at HYPERLINK <http://www.scootelectric.co.uk>, or phone them on 08707 877408.

For further generalised information on electric powered vehicles, go to www.evuk.co.uk.



Good use of Australian railway station

North of Albany, Western Australia's oldest town is a small rural town called Mount Barker. Here the Shire of Plantagenet has converted its derelict 1923 railway station, very much part of the social centre at the time, into an excellent Tourist Bureau.

By 1984 sadly both passenger and goods services had been discontinued and the Shire decided to begin a restoration programme in 1997, funded with the help of external grants. An enthusiastic celebration of its re-opening in October 1998 was held.

In the grounds of the tourist bureau, emphasising the railway theme is a large sign pole made up of four 1906 railway tracks and old steel wheels from a local farm. This work of art represents both the rail and agricultural links with the past.



Midsummer Tai Chi Camp

Interested in Tai Chi & alternative therapies? Then why not join us in the beautiful Stour valley for a three day camping event at Copperas Wood Farm, an organic lavender farm in an RSPB reserve, near Harwich on 20,21,22 June. Day passes are also available. The best access by rail is to Harwich Town via Colchester or Manningtree Stations. There are buses from near the railway station, or for the more adventurous you can walk the Essex Way footpath to the Farm from Wrabness, about 25mins. A map will be provided on booking.

There will be a café serving locally sourced and organic food wherever possible all day. Toilets and showers on site. We only have spaces for 100 camping places so please book early. Arrivals from Noon on Friday 20th June.

Prices:

£70.00 per weekend (All workshops, camping & 4 meal passes)
£30.00 per day (All workshops)
£10.00 per child per weekend

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Essex & South Suffolk Community Rail Partnerships show off its successes

The Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership recently gave members of the No. 10 Policy Unit a glimpse of what community involvement can bring to local railways.

The visit was organised by the Association of Community-Rail Partnerships, the national federation of rail partnerships. The Policy Unit visit was to Southminster, on First Great Eastern's branch line from Wickford. The party, which included FGE managing director Dave Kaye, Countryside Agency, CRP and SRA representatives, Stephen Joseph of Transport 2000 and senior officers and members of Essex County Council, were met by members of 'Right Tracks' – a unique community venture which occupies the former station building.

Mary-Ann Mumford, chair of 'Right Tracks' told the visitors about the enormous amount of voluntary time and effort which had gone into the transforming a derelict shell two years ago into a vibrant community meeting place backed up by support from the Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership. The building now houses a café, meeting rooms for voluntary groups, and an advice centre. Future plans include a bike hire facility.

"Southminster is a superb example of what partnership can achieve," said ACoRP general Manager Dr Paul Salvesson. "The positive involvement of the train operator, local authority, Railtrack and the community has turned an eyesore into a treasure."

Matthew Elson and Nick Bisson of the No. 10 Policy Unit left Southminster seeing what can be achieved at little cost and lots of hard work.



Cllr Norman Hume – Essex County Council, Dave Kaye – First Great Eastern, Tony Ciaburro – ECC, Mary-Ann Mumford – Right Tracks and Matthew Elson – Senior Policy Adviser No10 Policy Unit.



New Trains

17 October 2002 saw the rollout of the new class 360 'Desiro' trains for First Great Eastern. The massive £70 million order for 21 trains will bring many passenger benefits for Essex and Suffolk rail travellers.

The 'Desiro' trains ' built by Siemens in Germany and Austria, as each is completed, it is thoroughly tested in Germany and the Czech Republic. The trains will then travel through the Channel Tunnel to the depot at Clacton. Once at Clacton they will be tested further before the whole fleet becomes operational in the summer 2003 timetable.

The four-coach trains have state of the art safety systems. First and standard class accommodation is available and the light and airy saloons are fully air-conditioned and carpeted throughout. The trains also provide a dedicated area and facilities for disabled passengers. Onboard security systems on the train include CCTV cameras and visual and audio information systems to keep passengers informed of the progress of their journey.

The trains – designated class 360 will be used on services from London Liverpool Street to Chelmsford, Colchester, Ipswich and Clacton. They are smoother and quieter than the class 312 trains they replace.

