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FUTURE EVENT: SRS / WSR Minehead Weekend

SRS/West Somerset Railway Weekend 30/31st August & 1st September 1996

Bookings can now be made for the above event. Roy Duglison and the Bristol Branch have worked very hard to put on the event so please support it. Final date for bookings will be the 15th July 1996. Below is an outline of the weekend arrangements, all those attending will receive full details times etc. nearer the time.

Roy has negotiated a rate of £20.00 per person per night for B&B with the Wellington Hotel, Minehead (to include en-suite facilities).

On the Friday evening Roy will give a slide show at a local hall on the "SBB/BLS to W.S.R."

On Saturday there will be a Mini Model Railway Exhibition with Swiss, American and British layouts plus videos and one or two trade stands (WINCO are attending). In the evening a cold buffet will be provided in the Northfield Hotel after which Mark Smith the Managing Director of W.S.R. will give a short talk on the Railway.

Sunday will include visits to the W.S.R. workshops/signal box at Minehead and the visitors centre in Bishops Lydeard. The party will leave Minehead on the 10.15am (steam hauled) returning by the 12.20pm in the "Quantock Belle Stock", during which a 3 course lunch will be served. Soup, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding and Veg.etc. Apple Pie and Ice Cream, Coffee, a Vegetarian alternative can be

provided. The party will be treated to a "Cream Tea" in the stock at Minehead Station and those who have travelled to Somerset by train can depart for Bishops Lydeard on the 15.50pm for the coach transfer to Taunton Station. Those travelling by car can still have a further trip on the 15.50pm if they wish, returning on the 17.45pm. This is possible as one of the conditions of the weekend is that all members of the party purchase a WEEKEND W.S.R. Rover Ticket.

The cost for the Rover Ticket, the 3 course lunch on the train, the cream tea, the Saturday Evening buffet and help towards the cost of room hire for two venues, is £45.00 per person. Cheques should be made payable to the SRS and sent to Roy at Triscombe, Redgates Road, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 8DA. Hotel bookings for the Wellington Hotel, Wellington Square, Minehead, TA24 5NH, should be made direct, for "the attention of Mrs Rundle" and mention the SRS.

If you stay at the Wellington Hotel for the two nights the total cost per person is only £95.00 (you will need to organise your own meal on Friday night and Saturday lunch) for a very full weekend. Of course your Rover Ticket covers you for as many journeys as you like.

Many thanks to Roy for all his hard work in making the arrangements, and we look forward to seeing you at the first **SRS Weekend?**

Roger Ellis.

EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

I am at the present time going through the questionnaires that you have filled in and returned with your membership renewals and in the next issue we will print the results.

Another of our advertisers (Winco) has made an offer to members. This is a model at a reduced price, details are in the text with write up. The offer by the Hotel National is still available to members, see their ad in this issue. The MOB are preparing an offer for members, it will appear in the June issue. Watch this space for further offers.

The AGM will be taking place shortly after this

issue reaches you, so please come along and support the Manchester branch who are working very hard putting on an exhibition as well as the AGM. As you will know from the AGM Ad there will be trade stands, as well as a chance to chat with fellow members and stay for the Dinner in the evening, but don't forget to book it.

Please keep your articles coming, your support has been really appreciated during my first year as editor of the 'Swiss Express'

Les Heath

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