

# THE DISTANT SIGNAL

EAST ANGLIAN GROUP NEWSLETTER

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**Another update as I have had some recent info. On various meets around and about which you might want to get in your diaries early.**

**Peter Chrisp via Mike Thorpe.**

I am pleased to pass along an invitation to all 16mm East Anglia Group members to a steam-up on 20th May 2018, between 10:30 and 16:30. The venue is a Gauge 1 track in Denham (Between Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket) - ie, 45mm gauge and suitable for Roundhouse and Accucraft wheels but NOT LGB! Various other groups have been invited to this trial narrow gauge day - it should be a very sociable event. The railway is a LARGE double track oval, raised in the Gauge 1 style with steaming area, long sidings and set in a country garden. Please phone the host, Peter Chrisp on: 01284 810427 to confirm attendance and get directions. See you there!

Regards  
Mike Thorpe

We have received an open invite from the West Herts group which is included below.

**The West Herts Group invites 16mm Association members to a Steaming Day at Brambleton on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.**

For some years past we as a group have been privileged to run on the Brambleton Model Railway Clubs extensive outdoor 32mm tracks on a monthly basis. This year as a new venture in conjunction with the Brambleton Model Railway Club, extending an invitation to all Association members to join us for a full days steam action.

Those of you who have already viewed the recent Association DVD will have seen our Board members running on the Brambleton tracks after their board meeting. Here is an opportunity for your group members to join us for the day and experience the pleasure of running on one of the county's most extensive lines. We hope that you will include this day out in your group's meetings programmes for the summer. A longer video showing the full extent of the site may be viewed at:-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tnr1UMNL2Y>

Whilst we appreciate this invitation will be of no practical interest to those group members not within reasonable travelling distance of Harpenden we look forward to greeting as many who would like to join us for the day.

**Please note that this event is strictly for 16mm Association Members only and will not be open to the general public.**

Initial information was included in the National Event Diary of the February Bulletin - unfortunately split over Pages 5 and 48. Our flyer for the day is attached outlining the days format and the £5.00 entry.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided all day. We are delighted to advise you that the BBQ will now be complimentary (ie. Free) and is included in your £5.00. entry – just another good reason to note the date and visit us!

Huw Williams is your point of contact should you have any specific questions regarding the day. He can be contacted by email at :- [hwilliams@googlemail.com](mailto:hwilliams@googlemail.com)  
Additional information will be included with the May Bulletin and on our Group Web site:- <http://www.westherts16mm.org.uk/>

We look forward to greeting fellow Narrow Gauge steam enthusiasts.

Iain Maclean  
West Herts Group Co-ordinator.

### **Philip and Rosemary Burkill**

Dear Glen,  
I am rather tight for dates for steaming this year as it is my 70th birthday year! I have however now booked 9th June and 14th July into our calendar at Reydon Nr. Southwold, both Saturdays, say from 12.00 noon until approx 5.00 PM. We will be doing free issue: hot rolls and sandwiches, hot and cold drinks etc all day so no need to bring lunch / tea! Would members please confirm they are coming as soon as possible. Some notes re practicalities: our curves are 38 inch Peco so longer locos may well not be practical, we have plenty of stock for members to hitch up to their locos so no need to go to the trouble of bringing wagons and / or coaches we will probably be collecting for charities so any donations would be welcome. If members have visited before then we hope to have a further fairly long passing loop in by these dates. I would be obliged if you could enter these dates onto your Distant Signal chart and if possible put a mention into your next email to members.  
Kind Regards  
Philip and Rosemary Burkill : (01502) 723152 and (07885) 231106  
also: [philipburkill493@gmail.com](mailto:philipburkill493@gmail.com)

### **Chris Moody** Running session at the South Arbury Railway.

#### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018** Bertie – Fest on the South Arbury Railway

A celebration of the Roundhouse Bertie, Sammie & Millie classes of loco.

We'll be running these locos & any derivative of them only on this day. Times 13:00 until 17:00. Please contact Chris & Eileen if you wish to attend by email – [mail@loco-boxes.co.uk](mailto:mail@loco-boxes.co.uk) (24 hours a day) or phone – 01223 864029 from 08:30 to 18:00 weekdays only. We will have general steaming days for ALL types of locos later in the year, this is a day purely for enthusiasts of these 3 types of loco.

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018** Garratt Sunday on the South Arbury Railway & Ttarrag Shed.

An occasion for Beyer-Garratt type loco's to stretch their legs!

Times 13:00 until 17:00.

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We will have general steaming days for ALL types of locos later in the year, this is a day purely for enthusiasts of Garratt locos.

Many thanks

**Neil Piper** has advised of garden events for next year's calendar, at Great Bradley.

**Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2-5PM**

**Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2-5PM.** Please phone 01440 783022 for further details

And from **Ed Bull** for 2018

**Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 2pm to 5pm.**

**Sunday September 23rd , 2018. 1pm to 4pm.**

Ed Bull, Brinkley, Nr Newmarket Line is 32mm with minimum radius 5ft 6in curves with gentle gradients and long passing loops.

01638 507 495

**Andy McMahon** Sunday 13th May 2018 Lowestoft 12-5 01502 471788

**Steven Mantripp** is having open afternoons on April 29th and October the 7th, both are Sundays and times are 1pm to 5pm. phone number is 01502508681 and is in Lowestoft.

Early and late I know but my steaming up area is in the Garage [warm, dry and well lit ] and if the weather is not too good we can see the trains from the conservatory/ shed, big windows and a wood burning stove [ lovely and warm ]. I am happy to have visits from any members anytime to have a chat, run some trains, help and or advice and new members just starting and wondering what its all about. Phone first we get busy and go out when the weather gets good, Thanks Steve

**Mike Thorpe**

Hi Glen. A date for your next edition of Distant Signal.

I will be hosting an open day on Sunday 30th September 2018 in Diss. My line is a short, 45mm gauge oval at ground level. Minimum radius 7ft 6in. A phone call on 01379 650657 24hrs before the event would be appreciated so I can arrange catering. The line will be open 11:00 - 17:00 with afternoon tea provided.