



2019 Members' Weekend

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2019



50017 at Leicester North with the 13.40 Poole – Sheffield. 23 June 1984.

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Members should not contact the hotel direct unless in an emergency.

Welcome to Leicester

Welcome to Leicester for the 2019 Members' Weekend. The hotel this year is situated on the edge of the city centre a few minutes level walk from the railway station and is ideally placed for a number of local historical and cultural attractions. There is a large NCP car park adjacent to the hotel with an agreement for a reduced rate parking charge for hotel guests that can be paid with your hotel bill on departure. Spaces are subject to availability.

The **Programme of Events** is detailed on the following pages:

Friday 18th October

Following arrival at the hotel, where a pre-booked hot buffet dinner will be available at 18.00 in the Loughborough & Harborough Suite, there will be an evening presentation by Rob Foxon commencing at 19.30. He is well known for his extensive archive of railway films dating from 1895 which covers all aspects of British and world railway operations including some very rare material.

A donation of £3.50 would be appreciated for this meeting (donations will include entrance to the raffle).

Saturday 19th October

Transport on Saturday will be a vintage Southdown double decker bus and a wheelchair accessible minibus.

We will visit the Great Central Railway (GCR) and the Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN). For those visiting only the GCR, packed lunches will be collected on arrival at Loughborough North Station while for those continuing on to Ruddington on the GCRN, packed lunches will be distributed on the bus. There will be the opportunity to visit the engine shed, carriage works and signal box on the GCR. These visits will be in smaller groups at set times. We will have rover tickets enabling us to travel at will during the day in between visits. On the GCRN there will be time for one round trip on the line and a little time before and after to have a quick look at the attractions at Ruddington before catching the bus back to Loughborough North. You will then be able to travel on the GCR before our transport leaves for the hotel. Please note that those going to both railways may not have sufficient time to do all the additional visits.

Saturday AND Sunday Packed Lunch Choices

Sandwich Fillings on a choice of White or Brown Bread:

1	Cheese & Tomato	2	Cheese & Pickle
3	Ham & Tomato	4	Ham & Pickle
5	Tuna & Mayonnaise & Cucumber	6	Egg mayonnaise

Please indicate your choices on the booking form.

This year, we have not arranged an alternative visit. However, we recommend a visit to some of the historical sites in and around Leicester including the King Richard III Visitor Centre, The Guildhall, Leicester Cathedral and many others. Or perhaps you may wish to visit the space centre which is served by the 54 bus. You can have a look at the website www.visitleicester.info and others for more ideas.

On the Saturday evening we will have dinner together at the hotel (19:00 for 19:30) in the Leicestershire Suite, with an after dinner talk given by Dave Burley, Managing Director, Rail Operations Group.

Sunday 20th October

The Officers' Conference will take place in the Loughborough & Harborough Suite, meeting at 09:00 for the conference to commence promptly at 09:15.

Transport for Sunday afternoon will be the same as for Saturday – a vintage Southdown double decker bus and a wheelchair accessible minibus. We will be visiting the Battlefield Line which is hosting a three day steam gala weekend as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations. Our transport will leave the hotel immediately after the conference and head for Market Bosworth, the midway point on the line. Packed lunches will be distributed on the bus.

As an alternative, we recommend the many attractions of Leicester and the surrounding area.

Dinner Menus - Saturday 19th October

The following menu options are available for the Dinner. Please indicate your choices on the booking form:

Starter 1	Prawn cocktail with brown bread and butter
Starter 2	Broccoli and stilton soup served with freshly baked rolls
Starter 3	Melon with fruit coulis

Main Course 1	Pork loin steak with panache of vegetables on a mustard mash, served with a sage jus
Main Course 2	Roast turkey served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, traditional accompaniments & rich gravy
Main Course 3	Cod loin steak served on a steamed panache of vegetables & new potatoes, with a white wine and tarragon sauce

Dessert 1	Baked cheesecake served with a mixed berry compote and cream
Dessert 2	Warm apple pie wedge served with vanilla ice cream or custard
Dessert 3	Luxury sticky toffee pudding served with vanilla ice cream

If you have any special dietary requirements (including a vegetarian requirement), please note them on the reverse of the booking form.

These details and the booking form are also available on the Society website at: <http://www.rcts.org.uk/society/news/>. Places on the visits will be strictly allocated in the order that booking forms are received!

Any changes to your booking must be received by 23rd September. Changes after that date may still be chargeable. Members are responsible for hotel charges that may be incurred on cancellation.

Participants take part in these events at their own risk and are responsible for their own personal safety at all times. The Society cannot be held responsible for any injury sustained nor damage to, or loss of, property.

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