

SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY

A SUMMER DAY TRIP TO A BRACE OF RAILWAYS OPERATING INDUSTRIAL STEAM

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2020

The Society is pleased to offer a full day out in the Eastern Counties to visit two locations using preserved industrial steam locomotives, one an expanding preserved railway and the other which offers a possibly unique opportunity to tour an operating heavy industrial location using a mode of travel which was popular in earlier preservation times but is now much rarer.

The day will start with a visit to the Lincolnshire Wolds Railway at Ludborough Station, from where trains hauled by one of the railway's industrial locomotives will be operating over the railway's 1.5 mile long line to North Thoresby at hourly intervals during the later morning and early afternoon; there are refreshment facilities at Ludborough and a museum of small exhibits, housing items relating to railways in the North Lincolnshire area.

The highlight of the day follows, where we have reserved a number of places on one of the brake van trips regularly run by the Appleby Frodingham Railway Preservation Society around Scunthorpe steelworks: we will have a tour lasting about two hours, covering parts of the steelworks network not normally visited.

The Appleby Frodingham Society make no charge as such for their tours, but of course would greatly appreciate a donation on a per head basis, and given the costs incurred by the Society in their operations, a donation of at least £10 per person would probably be reasonable for a tour at such an unusual and interesting location.

Fares at the Lincolnshire Wolds line are modest, £8 for an adult, £6 senior, both tickets giving freedom of travel all day.

The locations to be visited are not well placed to be reached by public transport from Shropshire, and therefore Shropshire Railway Society is arranging the outing on the basis that the group will travel by way of shared private cars, with each participant making a contribution to cover the driver's fuel costs; accordingly it will be necessary for those who express interest to state whether they are able to offer seats in their car for other participants.

Members interested in participating should advise Lionel Price, in the first instance by **Wednesday 26 February** please, so that numbers in the group can be notified to the Appleby Frodingham Society in good time, and the transport arrangements given further consideration.

Those doing so should also please indicate their address, so as to assist with planning of the transport to and from the venue, and as mentioned below.

In addition anyone who wishes to take part who is also willing to use his/her private vehicle to transport other members of the group on the basis of shared petrol costs as referred to above should please so indicate.

The Lincolnshire Wolds Railway also offers guided tours of its engine shed and workshop, and if you are interested in participating in the visit, as above, **please indicate whether you would like to have such a tour**, so that if sufficient of those coming on the outing would like to do so, an arrangement can be made with the railway. There may be a small charge for the tour.

Ludborough is about 160 miles from Shrewsbury (depending on the route taken), with the drive time being about 3.5 hours; the return journey from Scunthorpe is a little shorter, with the transfer between the two places taking about 45 minutes.

Please contact Lionel Price via outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk or call on 01691 654488 (message may be left if necessary).

With thanks to Roger Higgins for the original suggestion of a visit to Scunthorpe.

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