



The Friends of Malvern's Railway Group is arranging a visit to Dean Forest Railway on Sunday 11 June 2017. There is no upper limit on numbers for the group visit so all are welcome.

Programme

Travel individually by car and arrive at Norchard Station at 1045. The journey from Malvern takes about 65 minutes. Please let

David Gowan know if you need a lift or can offer a space in your car to another participant.

On arrival, the General Manager or another senior member of staff will give us an introduction, and we shall visit the locomotive and carriage and wagon works, museum and GWR style signal box at Norchard station.

At 1215, we shall make a round trip by steam train to Parkend, and then to Lydney Junction at the southern end of the line. There will be an opportunity to visit the LMS style signal box at Lydney, which would involve catching a later train back to Norchard. The group will return to Norchard at 1410, or (for those who visit the signal box) at 1545.

Those who wish to explore further using afternoon trains will be able to do so without paying any additional charge. We suggest bringing sandwiches, but refreshments are available at Norchard Station and there are real ale pubs at Whitcroft and Parkend stations. (Anyone lunching at one of the pubs would need to break his journey and catch a later train.)

The steam locomotives currently operating include a 4575 class GWR Prairie (5541) and an ex War Department saddle tank. At present, we do not know which locomotive will be running at the time of our visit. An additional attraction is that our visit will coincide with visit to Norchard by owners of vintage MG and Rover cars.

How to get to the railway

Norchard station is on the B4234 between Parkend and Lydney. There is a large car park next to the station. The address is: Norchard Station,
Forest Road,
LYDNEY,
Gloucestershire,
GL15 4ET.

If you are not using a satnav, you may like to use the online AA route planner.

Payment

The cost is £20.00p per head for adults and £16.00p per head for children and young people aged 5 to 16 inclusive. There will be no charge for children younger than 5. The main part of the payment will cover a rover ticket valid for the whole day and a donation to cover the costs of access to the workshops, signal boxes etc. We have added a small contribution to the fund-raising by the Friends of Malvern's Railway.

Could you please send by post a cheque (payable to "David Gowan") to 8 Blackmore Road, MALVERN, Worcestershire, WR14 1QX to cover everyone in your party, by Friday 26 May.

Payment must be made in advance of the visit, and we shall buy tickets only for those who have paid. Refunds will be available until the tickets are purchased from the railway

Please get in touch if you have any questions. E-mail: david.gowan@btinternet.com Tel: 01684 – 565707 Mobile: 0776 441 2730