

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that our first AGM since we converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation will be held on Saturday 27th September 2025 in the Bluebell Room at Sheffield Park station (address above), commencing at 12:45PM.

The Bluebell Room is on the top floor of the “Above Workshop Facility”. To access this building, use the station exit next to Steamworks and you will see the AWF to your right. Climb the outside staircase. At the top, enter the building and turn right at the end of the short passageway in front of you. The Bluebell Room is at the far end of the corridor.

The start of the meeting is timed to allow members to travel from East Grinstead on the 11:30 departure and be in good time for the meeting.

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome by the Chairman**
- 2) Apologies for Absence (*)**
- 3) Chairman’s Report**
- 4) Secretary’s Report**
- 5) Treasurer’s Report and presentation of accounts for the period from 24th November 2023 to 31st December 2024**

Accounts for 2023 for the old Bulleid Society will be available for review at the meeting and on our website. Any member requiring their own copy of these, please contact the Secretary.

- 6) Membership Secretary’s Report**
- 7) Bulleid Society Shop Limited Report**
- 8) Amendment to Constitution:**

Section 3 of our Constitution, if read strictly, limits our entitlement to publishing information in our journal and on our website to just Blackmoor Vale, Normandy and our Bulleid coach 5768. This was not our intention:

3. Objects

To advance the education of the public in the history, engineering and design of steam locomotives and rolling stock, in particular by,

- 1) The acquisition, restoration, preservation and exhibition/display of steam locomotives and rolling stock and other appropriate items, equipment, stock artefacts, documents and records.
- 2) The publication of a journal and website on the topic of steam locomotives and rolling stock.
- 3) Providing opportunities for people of all ages and diverse backgrounds to learn about heritage railway preservation, restoration, maintenance and operation.

For the purposes of this clause, steam locomotives and rolling stock is taken to mean former British Railways steam locomotive, Bulleid Light Pacific West Country Class No 34023, Blackmoor Vale, (previously 21c123 of the Southern Railway) and former British Railways steam locomotive, B4 No 30096, (previously No 96, Normandy of the London and South Western Railway and Southern Railway) and

Bulleid Composite Coach No. 5768.'

In acquiring, restoring, preserving, exhibiting, and maintaining the above items the CIO must take consideration of what is determined to be good locomotive and rolling stock practice at that time.

Proposed amendment:

"For the purposes of this clause,..." should be amended to:

"For the purposes of item 1) in this clause, ..."

The effect of this amendment is that only item 1 of Section 3 will have the limitation, which will no longer apply to parts 2 and 3.

VOTE: To amend our Constitution such that in Section 3 the words "For the purposes of this clause" are amended to "For the purposes of item 1) in this clause".

9) Review of BS Rolling Stock

10) Election of Trustees:

Under our new Constitution, all Trustees must retire at the first AGM. All current Trustees, however, are willing to stand for re-election.

VOTE: To re-elect all current Trustees:

Roger Cruse; Nigel Currah; David Foale; John Fry; Tony Leaver; Martin Widdowson; Peter Wood.

We are extremely keen to increase the number of Trustees and would welcome any offers from members to join the Board of Trustees. Please contact the Secretary for more information.

11) Any Other Business

12) End.

(*) Please send apologies for absence to:

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This Notice, together with a copy of the accounts, will be sent by e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses. Postal copies will be sent to any member for whom we do not have an e-mail address. The Notice and accounts will also be available on our website.