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Friends of Vintage Trains Social Evening

Talk by Bob Meanley entitled '*Looking Back*'

and including an 'in conversation' with Les Ross

- WHEN?** Thursday, 12 September 2019
- WHERE?** Tyseley Working Mens' Club, 573 Warwick Road,
Birmingham B11 2EX
- TIME?** Doors open at 6.30 pm, talk starts 7.00 pm
Event to close by 9.45pm
- COST?** Free – this is a Friends of Vintage Trains
Members' (plus a guest) only event

Refreshments, including a finger buffet, are included and a cash bar will be available

Booking essential

Dear Member

The Friends of Vintage Trains is holding its first social evening on Thursday, **12 September 2019, at the Tyseley Working Mens' Club, at 7 pm**. We are delighted that Bob Meanley, who has recently stepped down as managing director of Tyseley Locomotive Works after 20 years in the role, has agreed to give a talk entitled '**Looking Back**'. Les Ross will be joining us for the evening and will be in discussion with Bob after Bob's talk – audience involvement is encouraged.

For more details and the booking form please follow the link from the Friends of Vintage Trains website at www.friendsofvt.org.uk or telephone 07384 471552.

Whilst this is a Friends of Vintage Trains members' event we would be delighted if you wanted to bring a guest.

The doors will open at 6.30pm and Bob's talk will begin at 7pm prompt. The outline programme is:

6.30 pm	Doors open
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm	'Looking Back' talk by Bob Meanley
8.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Refreshment break and raffle. The bar will be open and a complimentary finger buffet will be available
8.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Les Ross in conversation with Bob - audience participation invited

PLEASE NOTE - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL as places are limited. Admission on the day is not guaranteed unless you have pre booked. Membership cards to be shown on entry.

Car parking will be available at the Tyseley Locomotive Depot car park, the gates will close at 6.55pm.

It promises to be an entertaining evening and we hope you can join us for the first of our occasional social events ... but please book in time.

Membership Subscription Rates

At the AGM in March approval was given to increasing the Membership subscription rates. The new rates are:

Membership Type	1 Year	5 Years
Junior (<i>aged 5-18 – date of birth must be supplied</i>)	£8	£35
Adult (<i>aged 19-59</i>)	£20	£90
Partners (<i>2 adults</i>)	£32	£145
Family (<i>2 adults + 2 children aged 5-18</i>)	£36	£157
Senior Members (<i>over 60</i>)	£15	£52
Senior Partners (<i>2 adults over 60</i>)	£26	£100

Welcome to ...

Matthew Self ... Vintage Trains' new Volunteering, Education and Community Manager. During his first week with the company Matt joined the Thursday night volunteering team in weeding the track at the north end of the Tyseley site. It's amazing how quickly the greenery grows around Tyseley when there's a little bit of rain and warmth! Thanks for your help, Matt, and welcome aboard, we look forward to working closely with you in the future. We should hasten to add that it was a perfectly safe working environment, there were no trains running that night....

If any Member is interested in joining the various volunteering teams at Tyseley do contact Matt, his e-mail address is:

Matthew.Self@vintagetrains.co.uk



Tyseley Open Weekend, 28/29 September 2019

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets for the Vintage Weekend event are available now at www.vintagetrainsevents.co.uk - Friends of Vintage Trains members enjoy a special discounted ticket price of £10.

HEADLINE ATTRACTIONS

7029 Clun Castle in steam, Locomotives in steam, Free Train Rides
Vintage Fairground Rides, Traction Engines, Miniature Railways
Vintage Vehicles and ***Meet Paddington™***

Come and meet Paddington™. He will be making appearances at intervals throughout the weekend. Don't forget to bring your camera!

Vintage Trains Excursions 2019

The Vintage Trains 2019 programme covering the period up to December is available at www.vintagetrains.co.uk. Here is a flavour of what's coming up, but check out the website for more details as the programme is continually evolving:

Tour Date	Tour Name	Stations (Pick up/return set down, if different)
Saturday, 24 August	Gloucester Goes Retro	Dorridge, Solihull, Tyseley (Mainline Station), Birmingham Moor Street and Snow Hill stations, Worcester Shrub Hill.
Sunday, 18 August	Shakespeare Express	Birmingham Snow Hill, Moor Street, Tyseley
Sunday, 1 September	Shakespeare Express	Birmingham Snow Hill, Moor Street, Tyseley
Thursday, 5 September	Evening Dining Train	Birmingham Moor Street and Snow Hill
Saturday, 7 September	White Rose to York	Dorridge, Solihull, Tyseley, Coleshill Parkway, Tamworth, Ilkeston to York via Erewash
Saturday, 14 September	Welsh Marches	Dorridge, Solihull, Tyseley and Birmingham Stations to Hereford via the Severn Estuary and the Welsh Marches
Sunday, 15 September	Shakespeare Express	Birmingham Snow Hill, Moor Street, Tyseley
Sunday, 22 September	Birmingham Balti Bash - in conjunction with the Branch Line Society - an opportunity to enjoy some rare track, Class 20's, and a Curry!	Exploring some corners of the railway around the West Midlands not routinely travelled by passengers, including the Ironbridge Branch to the temporary stop block. Booking via www.branchline.uk/current-fixtures.php
Saturday, 12 October	Chester Venturer	Dorridge, Solihull, Tyseley (Mainline), Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton
Sunday, 1 December	Bath Christmas Market	Solihull, Dorridge, Warwick Parkway & Banbury. Passengers can alight at either Bath Spa or Bristol TM.
Saturday, 14 December	Christmas White Rose (York via Tamworth)	Dorridge, Solihull, Tyseley, Coleshill, Tamworth, Ilkeston
Saturday, 21 December	Christmas White Rose (York via Nuneaton, Leicester and Ilkeston)	Dorridge, Solihull, Tyseley, Coleshill, Nuneaton, Leicester, Ilkeston

Book online (www.vintagetrains.co.uk)

or telephone bookings can be made by calling the Vintage Trains Office (0121 708 4960) during office hours Mon - Fri 09:30 - 16:30