



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome to our Programme of Events, we hope you will be able to attend and we look forward to meeting you.
Please put these dates in your diary!

Please note that some events are open to everyone and some are for BBRUA members only. You can of course join BBRUA - annual membership details can be found elsewhere on the web site.

Thursday, 20th July 2017 – Open to all - Members and Non-Members

You are invited to join us on a Social Amble through The Millennium Country Park with a tea & cake (or a beer!) break at the Forest Centre.

Note: Refreshments at your own cost or bring your own if you prefer.

The walk will be led by Rita Barnish, your new Membership Secretary. There will be no stiles or ploughed fields to walk through, just a few steps and gentle rises along gravel paths. Our walk will take us around the Wind Turbine. Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

Total walking time is approximately one hour and 15 mins and the idea is to walk and chat with your fellow members/friends. Good company and good exercise, hopefully in some nice weather! We plan to meet at **STEWARTBY** Station on the Marston Vale Line at 13.30 (1.30pm). This follows the arrival of the 13.08 from Bedford (departing Bedford at 12.55) and the arrival of the 13.29 from Bletchley (departing Bletchley at 13.01).

We can wait for everyone to arrive by using the new Shelter that has recently been built on the Bedford Platform at Stewartby. The walk will end at **MILLBROOK** Station.

The planned return times from Millbrook Station are: 16.57 (4.57pm) to Bletchley or the 17.16 (5.16pm) to Bedford, but earlier trains may be used if the weather is not favourable.

Note: Normal train fares to apply on the train.

Tuesday, 29th August 2017 – Now open to all – Members and non-Members

Join us for a Cream Tea River Cruise along the River Great Ouse from Bedford. The cruise will be for approximately three hours towards Cardington Lock and back to Sovereign's Quay. As well as enjoying the cruise there is also the option of a delicious Cream Tea to be served on board.

During the cruise, there will be an Introductory Talk by our new BBRUA Chairman, Dr. Phil Warner.

Travel from Marston Vale Line Stations on the 13.01 (1.01pm) train from Bletchley to Bedford St. John's Station. **Note: Normal train fares will apply.**

On arrival at Bedford St. John's Station, you will be met by BBRUA stewards who will lead passengers on the short walk to Sovereign's Quay where we will board the 'John Bunyan' boat at approximately 14.15 (2.15pm).

We plan to arrive back in time to catch the 17.43 (5.43pm) train to Bletchley.

Please book early by using the Booking Form in this programme; please **PRINT** and return with your **Cheque made payable to: "Bedford to Bletchley Rail Users' Association"**.

Please send with a stamped S.A.E. to Miss Rita Barnish, (contact details on last page) by 8th August.

Saturday, 9th September 2017 Open to all - Members and Non-Members

Join us on the Heritage Open Day to visit the fully restored St. Albans South Signal Box, built by the Midland Railway in 1892, closed by British Rail in 1979 and rescued by enthusiasts in 2003. Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of semaphore signalling with demonstrations of signalling practice. It is one of the few preserved Signal Boxes that is open to the public and on a mainline railway. Opening times are from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Free Admission.

For further information, please visit their website: www.sigbox.co.uk

Note: Normal train fares to apply, participants being responsible for purchasing their own tickets either in advance or on the day.

The plan is that we go as a group by travelling together.

Travel from Marston Vale Line stations on the 10.01 a.m. train from Bletchley to Bedford and then change on to a Thameslink train to St. Albans. Depart Bedford at 11.10 a.m. in order to arrive at St. Albans at approximately 11.48 am. The cheapest ticket is an Off-Peak Day Return to Bedford from Bletchley/other stations on the Marston Vale Line for £7.10 (£4.70) return and then a **SEPARATE** Super Off-Peak Day Return from Bedford to St. Albans City for (£8.10) (£5.35) - thus making a total of £15.20 (£10.05). [If you buy a through Off-Peak Day Return from Bletchley to St. Albans City, the cost is £20.10 (13.25)!]. Prices in brackets are for Senior Railcard holders.

Note: At the Signal Box, the locking room (on the ground floor) is a small museum while the operating deck (first floor) is only reached by climbing the signal box steps - (no lift).

After the visit to the Signal Box, the day is yours to perhaps enjoy a walk or bus ride into St. Albans. On Saturdays, the city centre street Market is one of the largest in the South East.

Return home at your own choice of time.

Later in the Year

Saturday 23rd September – Railway Ramble.

December 2017 – Members' Christmas Event Full details of these events will be on the website nearer the time

Looking forward to 2018.....

A Full Day Out along with other events are being planned for your enjoyment.

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Please contact Miss Rita Barnish if you require any further information on any of the events in this programme or to become a member of BBRUA

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BOOKING FORM FOR CREAM TEA RIVER CRUISE ON TUESDAY, 29TH AUGUST

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms
(Please PRINT)

Address.....
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Post Code

Tel/Email.....
(in case of cancellation due to river/weather conditions)

Booking for persons on the CRUISE at £9.50 per person

Booking for persons for CREAM TEA at £5.50 person

TOTAL ENCLOSED: £