

## **WEST SUSSEX RAIL USERS ASSOCIATION**

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### **Future of your Association**

Following the requests made earlier in the year and at the end of 2020, most standing orders were cancelled by members who had chosen to pay that way. But nine standing order payments were received on 1st March. I will be in touch with the members concerned suggesting that the payments are treated as donations to the Association.

### **New timetable from Monday 19 April**

There were two changes in this April timetable with the reintroduction of the 05.28 Portsmouth Harbour/ 05.55 Bognor to London Bridge arriving there at 07.43. The 14.13 Southampton Central/ 14.56 Bognor to Victoria is diverted to London Bridge arriving there at 16.43. It then forms the 17.02 return to Bognor and Portsmouth & Southsea. These are the only through trains to and from London Bridge running south of Horsham.

### **New timetable from next Sunday 16 May**

So far as we can see there are no changes to Arun Valley or West Coastway services next week and this new timetable is planned to last until December. Pocket versions of the new timetable should be available in due course, but in the meantime these can be downloaded from the Southern website. Table N is the Arun Valley and Table O the West Coastway. Links to the timetables are:

<https://timetables.southernrailway.com/SN/#/timetables/381/Table%20N>

<https://timetables.southernrailway.com/SN/#/timetables/382/Table%20O>

It should be noted that the Victoria to Portsmouth trains now terminate at and start from Portsmouth & Southsea on Mondays to Fridays. Those wishing to travel to and from Portsmouth Harbour are advised to change at Fratton. Weekend services will still run through to the Harbour

### **Engineering Works over the next 5 months**

#### **Gatwick Airport improvements**

Following the completion of foundation work on platforms 5 and 6, track realignment is now well underway at Gatwick Airport station, to allow the construction of wider platforms to accommodate more passengers from 2023.

A new Airport concourse superstructure will also be built between the two airport footbridges and work is now underway to refurbish the existing station concourse and overbridges. Work has also continued to prepare for the arrival of new lifts, stairs and escalators around the station: eight new escalators, five new lifts and four new stairways will be installed to make

journeys easier for all passengers.

To enable the station to remain operational while construction continues in a constricted environment, the team built a special bridge spanning the railway, which allows engineers to move materials to the island platforms 3 and 4. Once complete, passengers will see major accessibility improvements and improved movement around the station.

### **Victoria weekend closures**

Major engineering works will affect journeys in and out of London Victoria every weekend in May, and on 6 & 27 June.

Most trains will be diverted to London Bridge, for more information on how this affects you, please see the map above and check your journey at National Rail.

### **Horsham improvements and closure of Arun Valley line**

With all the recent Southern and Network Rail publicity, you should now be aware that Network Rail will be carrying out major engineering works which will affect all services through Horsham and the Arun Valley line this summer starting on Sunday 11th July. The dates affected are Sunday 11th July, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July, Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August, **Nine days between Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd August including weekdays**, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September, Sunday 3rd October

### **What are the effects for users?**

On weekends, no trains between Three Bridges and Barnham via Arundel/Horsham, or between Dorking and Horsham

**Monday 16th to Friday 20th August, no trains between Crawley and Barnham via Arundel/Horsham, or between Dorking and Horsham**

On all dates, services from Southampton, Portsmouth & Southsea and Bognor Regis will still run, but will have longer journey times as they are diverted via Hove.

I hope to be able to give members details of retimed services, bus substitutions, and any other changes in our next Newsletter. It is worth mentioning that Saturday 31st July is the final day of Glorious Goodwood – just in case you had that in your plans!

Trevor Tupper  
Secretary/Treasurer