

DETAILS OF 2nd AGM OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY

***since formation as a Company Limited by Guarantee and
the 67th since the formation of the Society***

**To be held on 12th May 2018 at 15:00 at The Friends Centre, Amberley Museum
and Heritage Centre, New Barn Road, Amberley, Arundel, BN18 9LT**

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held adjacent to The Narrow Gauge and Industrial Railway Collection, Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, New Barn Road, Amberley, Arundel, BN18 9LT on Saturday 12th May 2018 at 15:00. **Free admission to the museum will be by means of your Membership Card, if you have lost or misplaced this please contact the Secretary for alternative means of admission.**

The Entertainment ...

For the AGM this year we have followed the format of former years and have arranged a full programme around the weekend (Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May 2018) with a variety of visits including two miniature railways. All of the visits will be at no cost to 2017/18 and 2018/19 members although you will need to arrange your own transport and accommodation, and pay for your food and drink.

The Amberley Narrow Gauge and Industrial Railway Collection: 10:00 – 16:30 12th May 2018. The Amberley Narrow Gauge Railway is a two-foot gauge passenger-carrying line. It runs from near the entrance to the Main railway depot and a short way beyond. It is home to a large collection of mainly ex-industrial locomotives, in many gauges both steam and internal combustion, as well as associated rolling stock including the former NGRS Locos *Peter* and *Townsend Hook*. There will be a frequent passenger services, plus demonstration freight trains. The entrance and car park is adjacent to the Southern Railway's Amberley Station. Refreshments are available from the Museum Café. Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, New Barn Road, Amberley, Arundel, BN18 9LT. www.amberleymuseum.co.uk

NGRS Annual General Meeting: The Friends Centre is a very short walk from the railway.

Littlehampton Miniature Railway: 17:30 – 19:00 12th May 2018. A delightful 12¼ inch gauge seaside miniature railway which was saved from the brink of closure by the Littlehampton Heritage Railway Association who now operate the line. There are several I/C locos resident and the occasional steam visitor. Further details can be found at <http://www.littlehamptonminiaturerailway.com>. Mewsbrook Park, Hendon Avenue, Littlehampton, BN17 6PP.

Evening meal at the Six Bells, Littlehampton: 19:00 – 21:00 12th May 2018. Menu items are available from £10.95. Six Bells, 168 Lymminster Rd, Wick, Littlehampton BN17 7PS. See www.ngrs.org for menu options.

Volks Electric Railway: 10:00 – 12:00 13th May 2018. The Volks Electric Railway forms one of the many attractions of Brighton seafront and claims to be the oldest electric railway in the world. It has recently been extensively rebuilt with a new depot and exhibition centre in connection with seafront redevelopment. We will have a guided tour and access to the collection of railcars, plus the opportunity to ride the train. Volks Electric Railway, Arch 285, Madeira Drive, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 1EN. <http://volkseletricrailway.co.uk>

Lunch at the Blue Ship: 13:00 - 14:00 approx. 13th May 2018.

A charming country pub close to the Ingfield light Railway, Sunday Roast £12.75 others from £5.75. Blue Ship, The Haven, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9BS. See www.ngrs.org for menu options.

Ingfield Light Railway: 13:30 - 16:30 13th May 2018. A very attractive privately run 10¼ inch railway in the grounds of Ingfield Manor School, built in the style of an estate railway, established in 1973 and still being developed. The school is for children with Cerebral Palsy and the railway serves to entertain the children and their families and raise money for the school. Members are encouraged to generously support their charity. Ingfield Manor School, Stane Street, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9AX. More information on the railway's website: <http://www.ingfieldlightrailway.co.uk/>

Other local attractions: This part of the South Coast has other attractions too numerous to list including Amberley Castle, the standard gauge Bluebell Railway, Brighton, Littlehampton and Eastbourne.

Trade Stalls

Members should be aware that trade stands will only be permitted by arrangement with the Museum. Any members wishing to bring a trade stall to the AGM please contact the Secretary in advance so that we may discuss it with our hosts. At previous AGMs, members have been able to turn up with a trade stall without previous agreement with the Secretary or the host railway – on this occasion such an informal approach will not be acceptable, and members who have not arranged in advance for a trade stall will **NOT** be permitted to trade.

Safety, behaviours and admission

Please see Visits Policy, previously published in Narrow Gauge News, available on the Society website or by request from the Secretary

Other Information

The Directors/ Committee will hold their May meeting at the adjacent Amberley Museum Friends Centre at 10:00.

This visit is subject to the Visits Policy as above, for insurance reasons non-members will **not** be permitted to attend without the written formal Invitation of the Secretary. A copy of this notice is available on the Society Website

If any members require additional details or have specific queries, please contact the Secretary for further information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Steve Barber

Narrow Gauge Railway Society Formal notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Annual General Meeting of the company (and the 67th annual general meeting since formation of the Society) will be held at The Friends Centre, Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, New Barn Road, Amberley, Arundel, BN18 9LT at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 12 May 2018 for the following purposes:

1. To receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2017, the accountant's report thereon and the directors' report.
2. As separate resolutions, to vote on the appointment of the directors of the company, as listed on the voting form on the last page of this document.

In an informal meeting before the above formal business of the AGM, members can review and ask questions on the accounts and the reports submitted by the company's directors, officers and the local area groups. After the formal business of the meeting, members may raise other matters for the consideration of the directors and/or for general discussion at the meeting. No binding company decisions may be taken during consideration of such informal business.

You may vote at the Annual General Meeting **either** by attending and voting in person **or** by email or post using the voting form, **or** by appointing someone to vote on your behalf at the meeting (called a "proxy"). To be entitled to vote at the AGM, you must be a member of the company as at the date of the meeting, either by paying your subscription in accordance with the company Articles or by being a Life member of the company.

The voting form for an email or postal vote, or for you to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf, is on the back page of this document and is also available on the Society Website. If you wish to use an email or postal vote or to appoint a proxy, please complete the voting form and register how you want to vote by putting a cross in the appropriate boxes. If you register an email or postal vote using the voting form, your vote will be counted before the AGM. You may also attend the meeting if you wish but you should not vote again at the meeting.

To submit an email or postal vote, please send the voting form to the Company Secretary, either by email to **steve.barber@isconsult.net**, or by post to the **NGRS Company Secretary, 246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey CR6 9TP**. To be valid, the form must be completed in full, unambiguous, clearly legible and received at least 48 hours before the meeting (by 3.00 pm on Thursday 10 May 2018).

A proxy who attends the meeting on your behalf must vote as you instruct on the form. If you do not give instructions, the proxy may vote as they wish. A proxy need not be a member of the company. Your proxy should inform the Chairman of the meeting he/she is voting on your behalf. The Chairman may refuse any proxy whose voting form is not, in his opinion, properly completed.

Steve Barber, Secretary, 14 February 2018

Registration for supplementary visits NGRS 2017 AGM Sussex

Please complete this registration form (copy also available on the Website) and return by email to steve.barber@isconsult.net or post to NGRS Company Secretary, 246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham CR6 9TP by 4th May 2018. Our host railways would like details of our numbers, to help them in providing sufficient staff and facilities to accommodate our visits. All AGM visits are at no cost to members, other than travel to the venues, food, drink and accommodation.

I wish to attend the following:

Saturday 12th May 2018

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| Amberley Narrow Gauge Collection | 10:00 – 16:30 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Littlehampton Miniature Railway | 17:30 – 19:00 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evening meal at The Six Bells, Wick | 19:00 - 21:00 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

A menu is available at : <http://www.ngrs.org/> We have been requested to pre-order our meals. Please indicate your choice of starter and Main Course:

Sunday 13th May 2018

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| Volks Electric Railway | 10:00 – 12:00 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lunch at the Blue Ship, Billingshurst | 13:00 - 14:00 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you require Sunday Roast (£12.75) please indicate below, all other meals may be ordered on the day
<http://www.ngrs.org/>Sunday Roast Beef Sunday Roast Pork

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| Ingfield Light Railway | 13:30- 16:30 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Members of your party

Name	Email address (preferred). Please set out postal address for non-members or if you have no email (please see the visits policy in respect of non-members)
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Voting Form – NGRS Annual General Meeting 12th May 2018

Complete this form to register an email or postal vote or appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf at the Annual General Meeting.

(DELETE 1 OR 2 AS APPROPRIATE AND COMPLETE THE RESOLUTION SECTION)

Do not submit if you wish to vote in person at the meeting

Please indicate, by **inserting a cross** in the appropriate box, how you wish your votes to be cast on the Resolutions listed. Then detach this page and:

- For an email vote, send an electronic copy of the form to steve.barber@isconsult.net.
- For a postal vote, send it to **NGRS Company Secretary, 246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey CR6 9TP.**
Deadline for receipt of email and postal votes is 3.00 p.m. on 10 May 2018.
- For a proxy vote, give the form, completed in accordance with your wishes, to your proxy.

1 I am a Member of the company and wish to vote by email/post. I appoint the Chairman of the meeting to be held on 12 May 2018 (and at any adjournment thereof) to be my proxy and to cast my votes as shown below.

OR

2 I am a Member of the company and I wish to appoint be my proxy and to vote as shown below at the meeting to be held on 12 May 2018 (and at any adjournment thereof). Unless instructed otherwise, my proxy will vote or abstain at his/her discretion.

Resolution	For	Against
1. To accept the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2017 and the accountant's report thereon and the directors' report.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. As separate resolutions, to elect the following Members to act as directors of the company		
Alan Burgess (Chairman & Editor of <i>The Narrow Gauge</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Barber (Company Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Bennett (Editor of Narrow Gauge News)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Hay (Librarian)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mick Morgan (Webmaster)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Roberts (Facebook Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phil Thompson (Treasurer, Sales/Publications Officer, Membership database)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Watson (eBay Shop Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[] (nominated as a director by two members of the society)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Full name..... Signed

Address..... Date

PLEASE DETACH THIS PAGE IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER A POSTAL/EMAIL VOTE OR APPOINT A PROXY AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT ON THE TOP PART OF THIS PAGE AND THE NOTICE OF AGM