

The **monthly** branch newsletter of **railfuture** in London and the South East

Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway for passengers and freight

“Mind the gap” – Oswald Laurence



A reminder: “The risk to passengers at the Platform Train Interface (PTI) is equivalent to nearly 13 fatalities each year, and 48% of the total passenger fatality risk on the mainline railway network. To help manage this risk RSSB has put together a range of resources.”

See ‘platform train interface’: <https://www.rssb.co.uk/en>

Come to our regional branch’s annual meeting on **Saturday 30 April** in Wesley’s Chapel, City Road, London, and hear our guest speaker Bridget Eickhoff from the Rail Safety and Standards Board. We expect to be joined by our Policy Director Ian Brown CBE. The venue is a short walk south from Old Street station but do remember the continuing temporary closure of the Northern line south of Moorgate!



Our open morning session, commencing at 11.00, will include the theme ‘step-free street-to-seat journeys’ and consider the challenge of meeting rising passenger expectations in a changed post-pandemic travel market. The members’ AGM will be after lunch.

Please keep a very keen eye on the [branch website](https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East) for the most up-to-date information about the event: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East>

Our vision for rail: A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-March edition of *inter-railse* no.45, Railfuture’s London and South East members have:

- ~ contributed to an **online** joint Area Studies Forum for representatives on TfSE’s Transport Forum.
- ~ participated in a Community Conference hosted by London Overground operator Arriva Rail London.
- ~ participated in the Southeast CRP’s Uckfield / East Grinstead CRP Steering Group meeting.
- ~ contributed to an **online** TfSE Transport Forum.



Railfuture takes a stand! At Alexandra Palace.

- ~ contributed to an alternate-monthly meeting of the Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee.
- ~ participated in the Southeast CRP’s Tonbridge-Redhill / Reigate CRP Steering Group meeting.
- ~ participated in an alternate-monthly **online** meeting of the Brighton Transport Partnership.
- ~ participated in the **online** launch of the report by the Localis thinktank “Re-setting the South East: Levelling-up after Brexit, climate change and COVID.”
- ~ participated in an **online** GTR Sustainability Forum.
- ~ noted the Prior Information Notice for “HIF Rail Works Packages” aka Hoo Peninsula Railway.
- ~ held regular **online** meetings of our Herts & Beds, Eastern and Sussex & Coastway Divisions.
- ~ held regional Branch committee meetings **online**.

Also during March, regional branch committee have co-ordinated and submitted our responses to:

~ Lewes District Council with planning policy objections to a fourth application for outline planning permission in part of the gap between Ringmer and Broyle Side, this time for up to 68 homes on the same site as was refused last year for up to 97 homes.

~ Transport for London's proposals for capacity and accessibility enhancements at Surrey Quays station.

All Railfuture submissions can be found [here](#)

Our vision for Railfuture: *An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision makers come for advice, and which rail users are proud to join and recommend.*

Coronavirus insight

Confidence about feeling safe when using trains, in relation to Covid-19, has continued to recover, to 88% of rail users and to 69% among non-rail users who would feel safe if they had to make a train journey. Source: Transport Focus weekly [Tracking Research](#).

Britain's Growing Railway in London & South East: one April anniversary

~ on the 27th, in 2010, as London Overground began 'preview' services on the East London Line's northern extension from New Cross / New Gross Gate beyond Whitechapel, new stations opened at Dalston Junction, Haggerston, Hoxton, and Shoreditch High Street.

What shall we be doing this month?

~ participating in a Southeast CRP North Downs Line CRP Steering Group meeting.

~ participating in Greater Anglia's annual conference for stakeholders.

~ holding regular **online** meetings of our Herts & Beds and Sussex & Coastway Divisions.

~ holding a regional Branch committee meeting **online**.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

until mid-May London Underground's Northern line closure between Moorgate and Kennington continues.

Monday 4 – Sunday 17 April Exhibition for Landscape Photographer of the Year moves to London Paddington station.

Tuesday 5 April “*Mind the (electrification) gap.*” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Tuesday 5 April “*Archaeology and transport infrastructure.*” Evening **webinar**.

Wednesday 6 April “*Gatwick Station Project.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 7 April Sussex & Coastway Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Saturday 9 – Sunday 24 April Easter holiday period.

Monday 11 April Herts & Beds Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 14 April “*Light Rail.*” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Saturday 16 April Closing date for nominations for Railfuture's Rail User Group Awards 2021-22.



See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/RUG-Awards>

Monday 18 April – Sunday 1 May Exhibition for Landscape Photographer of the Year moves to London Waterloo station.

Wednesday 20 April “*Rivers, railways and floods at Cowley Bridge junction.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 28 April “*Electrification: developments and delivery.*” Free evening talk in London, may be **online**.

Saturday 30 April London and South East regional branch annual open meeting (with members' AGM).

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 May Railfuture L&SE stall at Faversham Festival of Transport, with Kent Division quarterly meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Monday 23 – Sunday 29 May Community Rail Week.

Saturday 16 July National AGM with presentations for Railfuture RUG Awards and Railfuture Campaigner of the Year. Venue: close to Bristol Parkway station.

Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.

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