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EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Meeting for *Railfuture* Members and the Public

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2016 – 14:00

Friends Meeting House, St John's Street

Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1SJ

Guest Speaker

CHRIS AUSTIN OBE

Railfuture Head of Infrastructure & Networks

Former Director at Strategic Rail Authority and Association of Train Operating Companies. Author of ATOC's 2009 Connecting Communities report proposing line reopenings

Speaking about his new book (co-written with Richard Faulkner) "DISCONNECTED! Broken Links in Britain's Rail Policy

in which Railfuture made several contributions.



Chris Austin spent his career at British Railways then moving to the Strategic Rail Authority and finally ATOC, spending his spare time being involved with the West Somerset Railway. Since retiring he writes a regular column in Railwatch magazine for Railfuture and has now co-written two highly-regarded books with Richard Faulkner (the first entitled, **Holding the Line**). Both books can be ordered at a good discount from www.railfuture.org.uk/shop. He will also bring along a small number of books, which he will sign.

Please take this opportunity to make Mr Austin's attendance worthwhile with your presence too, and also question him and our branch committee about the future. It a challenging but exciting time for the railway!

After the presentation, there is the East Anglian branch **AGM** with the Chairman and Secretary's round-up the year, election of the officers and committee, treasurer's report. There will be an open discussion regarding the campaigning priorities for the forthcoming year. It's your chance to influence the railway.



THE St. John's Street entrance is opposite the bus station and car park, the entrance from St. Andrews Street is best for those walking from the railway station, which is about 5 to 10 minutes away. Light refreshments will be available. There is a good range of cafés and restaurants nearby.

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