

RAILFUTURE AUTUMN 2013 CONFERENCE

Afternoon Session

RAIL USER GROUP (RUG) AWARDS 2013

Roger Blake
Railfuture Director and
Awards Organiser

RUG AWARDS JUDGING PANEL

Railfuture Vice Presidents

Ian Brown

Barry Doe

Roger Ford

Chris Green



Judges met on Tuesday 22 October at Liverpool Street station

BEST CAMPAIGN Commended

Harrogate Line Supporters Group

www.harrogatechamber.org/harrogateline.htm

“Bid for Electrification”



South East Northumberland RUG

www.senrug.co.uk

“Re-opening of the Ashington Blyth & Tyne Line”

Northumberland County Council announced on 7th June that it has signed off a GRIP Stages 1-3 Study with Network Rail



BEST CAMPAIGN Winner

Barking-Gospel Oak RUG

www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk

“Electrification”

CHANCELLOR LOBBIED FOR URGENT £25M LOCAL RAILWAY INVESTMENT

London MPs & Assembly call for Government Spending Review to include Barking – Gospel Oak rail *infill* electrification scheme to ease overcrowding and cut pollution

“Everybody in the world believes Barking – Gospel Oak should be electrified”
Howard Smith, Chief Operating Officer, TfL London Rail



BARKING – GOSPEL OAK RAIL USER GROUP



BEST CAMPAIGNER - *Clara Zilahi Award*

in memory of a stalwart East Anglia branch member and national Board Director who died this year



Winner

Steve Smith, leads Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group

www.bedwyntrains.org.uk

[silver award for best website last year]

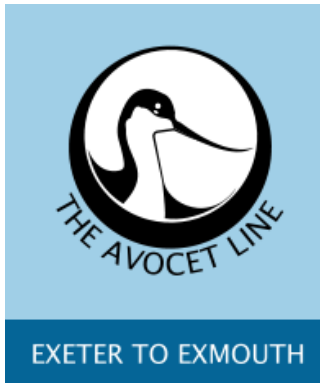


“The Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group was set up in 2006 to fight the proposed cuts to our service. Before the proposed cuts we had 20 eastbound trains and 19 back and nothing to or from the west. The proposal was to reduce us to 14 eastbound trains and 14 back. With all our campaigning we have increased the service to 22 out and 22 back including services to and from the west.”

BEST WEB-SITE Silver Award

Avocet Line RUG

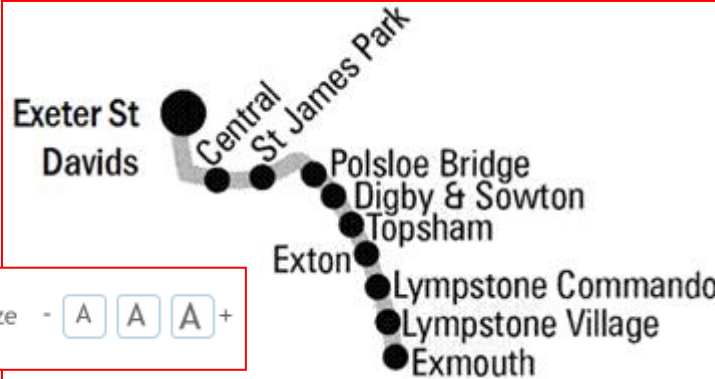
www.avocetline.org.uk



RUG Judges' Reasons:
Distinctive logo
Clear map
Easy navigation
Useful features
Accessible

Real time information

- ▶ Exeter St David's
- ▶ Exeter Central
- ▶ St James' Park
- ▶ Polsloe Bridge
- ▶ Digby & Sowton
- ▶ Topsham
- ▶ Exton
- ▶ Lymestone Commando
- ▶ Lymestone Village
- ▶ Exmouth



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BEST WEB-SITE Gold Award

Portishead Railway Group

portisheadrailwaygroup.org

RUG Judges' Reasons:

Clear purpose

Simple message

Easy to understand

Informative / seeks involvement

New 2013 Opinion Survey

We need your opinion!

Do our new Survey [here ...](#)

Results to date [here ...](#)

Portishead will be the largest town in the country without a rail link when the current house building programme is complete. A further 8,000 people are expected to settle in the area over the next few years making Portishead the second largest town in North Somerset.

We believe that there is a **strong case** for reopening the whole line for passenger use

PORTISHEAD RAILWAY GROUP

... returning the railway to Portishead

FAQs Re-opening the Portishead line

• *What is this 'GRIP' process?*

GRIP is the Governance for Railway Investment Projects

• *What is the Preferred Option?*

The preferred option is to operate four carriage trains eve

• *Where will Portishead station be?*

Land was set aside for the station more than ten years

• *When will trains start running?*

GRIP 3 proposes trains running from January 2017.

• *Why is it going to take so long?*

BEST NEW GROUP – *Oliver Lovell Award*

in memory of the Cotswold Line Promotion Group founder who died this year - CLPG were double award-winners last year, for best newsletter and best campaign.

Winner

Harrogate Line Supporters Group

www.harrogatechamber.org/harrogateline.htm

Brian Dunsby, Chief Executive of Harrogate Chamber of Trade & Commerce, leads the Harrogate Line Supporters Group which is bidding for electrifying the whole line between Leeds, Harrogate, Knaresborough and York...

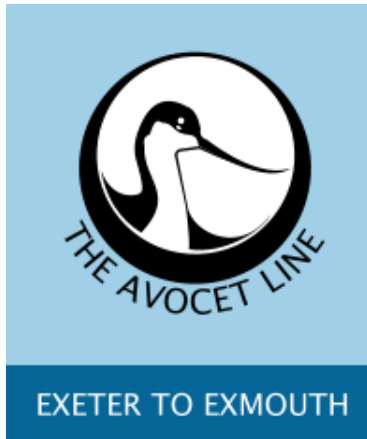
Councillor Don Mackenzie, the former Leader of Harrogate Borough Council, is a strong supporter of the bid to upgrade the Harrogate Line.

BEST NEWSLETTER Winner

Avocet Line RUG

www.avocetline.org.uk

[newsletters not available online]



Why join ALRUG?

ALRUG now has over 200 members, and benefits include

- ▶ getting your voice heard about our train service and stations;
- ▶ being kept up to date by e-mail when rail services change;
- ▶ receiving our 24 page newsletter four times a year;
- ▶ invitations to our members' meetings, socials and outings;
- ▶ helping to us to continue to get improvements to stations and services.

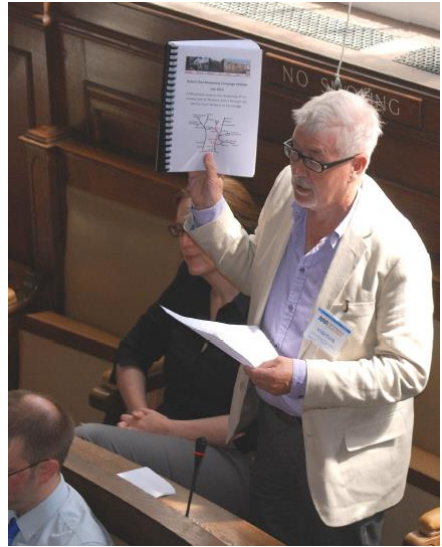
JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD Winner

Peter Wakefield, Chair of Railfuture East Anglia branch
for his work on the Wisbech campaign

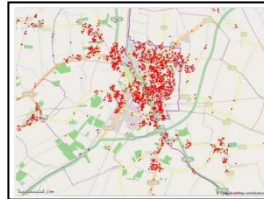
<http://wisbechrail.org.uk/> and

<http://www.railfuture.org.uk/March+--+Wisbech>

Not a RUG as such, more a group of
potential rail users in the future, or a virtual RUG, as one of the VPs said.



Please sign the
petition at
wisbechrail.org.uk



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Wisbech Rail Reopening Campaign