

RPG 2024 Annual Convention - Update

Date: SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

Make a note in your diary now!

VENUE: Large Meeting Room on the 1st Floor of the **Kidderminster Railway Museum**. This room has a large number of railway memorabilia arranged around the walls and will accommodate around 30 to 35 persons plus our display boards. There is a large (pull down) screen and facilities will be provided for the presenters to illustrate their introductions by PowerPoint.

FORMAT: Currently 7 speakers have been invited, including several members of the Royal Philatelic Society London. The day will commence around **09:30** with a short welcome followed by the speakers and displays, each allocated 40 minutes. At mid-morning and afternoon coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided by the RPG. Similarly lunch will be provided by the RPG at the venue. During the mid-morning break there will be the opportunity for any member to bring along a standing display, similarly during the lunch break when members will also have the opportunity to buy or sell material. The AGM of the RPG will be held *immediately after lunch*, with further presentations from **14:00**. It is envisaged that the Convention will conclude at **16:30**.

ACCOMMODATION: There is a Premier Inn in the town itself at Weavers Wharf, which is within walking distance of the venue. There is also a Travelodge to the west of the town, by the river. Both offer very good value for money and have **free parking**.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Kidderminster Mainline station is adjacent to the Severn Valley Railway, and Kidderminster Railway Museum itself is accessed via the railway station (if arriving by rail or bus), or from a footpath from the Severn Valley Railway Car Park. Kidderminster is served by regular trains from Birmingham (Moor Street), with connections to London and the rest of the country via New Street station and a 10 minute walk to Moor Street.

PARKING AT THE VENUE: This costs **£4 per day** and is operated by an ANPR system. Full parking details will be in the final circular.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY EXCURSION: If there is sufficient interest a trip on the Severn Valley Railway will be organised on the **Sunday (9th)** to Highley and the Engine House. As the name suggests this is a museum housing locomotives and rolling stock. There is a café there for lunch.

The final circular and registration form will be sent out with the March 2024 Journal.

For **further information** please contact the organiser, **Iain Wells**, at

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