

## **Away Day Events 2017.**

The basic details and dates of the RNR activities were featured on page 5 of Issue 92 of the RNR Newsletter and I am now giving all the precise arrangements of the 2 day event. I should stress that it is not necessary to be able to attend both days although I hope this will be possible for you as they should both prove interesting.

### **Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway - Wednesday 17th May 2017.**

Our booking no. is 5022 and people should arrive by 11.45 a.m. to catch the 12.15 p.m. steam train for Cheltenham Racecourse. The departure venue is from Railway Station, Toddington, Cheltenham, Glos. GL54 5DT and the return group fare will be £13.60 each. If paying by cheque, cheques should be payable to GWSR Plc. Your contact there is Ian Fenton tel. 01242 621902. My mobile no. (IMT) is 07971 291296. The return time to Toddington is scheduled for 13.52 p.m. Your ticket entitles you to a diesel railcar trip up the line departing Toddington 14.26 p.m. to Laverton (no station) travelling over the 15 arch Stanway viaduct returning at 14.47 p.m.

There is plenty of parking, shops, an excellent tea room, loco yard and a small museum. Enough to keep you interested. Toddington is adjacent to the roundabout where the B4077 and the B4632 cross, for those of you lucky enough to be able to read a map.

If you intend to stay overnight may I recommend the following list of hotels in Tewkesbury.

**The Bell Hotel, Church Street, Tewkesbury**  
**Tewkesbury Park, Lincoln Green Lane, Tewkesbury**  
**Tudor House Hotel, High Street, Tewkesbury**  
**Premier Inn, Shannon Way, Ashchurch**  
**Jessop House Hotel, 65 Church Street, Tewkesbury**  
**The Royal Hop Pole, 94 Church Street, Tewkesbury**  
**The Abbey Hotel, 67 Church Street, Tewkesbury**

If you intend to use your boat as accommodation by mooring in Tewkesbury, either on the Severn or the Avon could I suggest that you ring me as I have long years of experience of what to do. I can also advise about bus travel.

Finally I need to **know about numbers** for the GWR as we have a preliminary reservation of 36 - if it is more I have to let them know.

### **Morgan Motor Visitor Centre - Thursday 18th May 2017.**

The visitor centre is situated at M.M.Co. Pickersleigh Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire WR14 2LL, although the entrance to the large visitor car park is just off in Spring Lane.

This is a fascinating guided tour with very knowledgeable guides and historic film. You will see highly skilled craftspeople actually making the cars. There is a great museum and much information on the history of the company. The cost of the tour is £20 per head and a buffet lunch can be ordered at £12 per head. You need to be aware that these events are very popular and get booked up in advance.

In the circumstances, I need to know numbers and we have to have a deadline if booking numbers are to be achieved, then please e-mail Betty Dobbs on [betty.dobbs@btinternet.com](mailto:betty.dobbs@btinternet.com) by **Monday, March 27th to say whether:-**

- 1. You want to go on GWR and numbers £13.60 each.**
- 2. You want to go to M.M. Visitor centre and numbers £20.00 each.**
- 3. You want the buffet £12 per head.**

From my meetings, I have been left with the impression that payment can be made on the day, apart from the buffet cost which must be agreed in advance with the caterers. I will check again and if there is any change I will send a further note. But we must keep to the numbers and deadline.

**Ian McKim Thompson.**