Minor Railways Section
Technical Visit 28\textsuperscript{th} March 2020

With the kind permission of the Dean Forest Railway (DFR), the IRSE Minor Railways Section is arranging a Technical Visit to view the railway and its signalling and telecommunications on Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} January 2020. Those of you who were at the sections technical seminar at Kidderminster on the 16\textsuperscript{th} November would have heard about of the innovative train detection and level crossing systems being used on this railway.

The DFR opened its first 200 yards of track in 1970 with the aim of preserving the last remaining section of the Severn and Wye Railway, they now operate the 4\frac{1}{2} mile line from Lydney Junction to Parkend with an operating base and museum at Norchard.

The final details of the day for the technical visit are still under development but are expected to be as follows. After registration at Lydney Junction DFR station we will view the local signalling, then on to a special diesel train to travel from Lydney Junction to Norchard, stopping at signalling installations on the way. At Norchard there will be a stop to allow time to buy some refreshment and view the fixed installations and the museum where we are planning a guided tour.

After the stop at Norchard we will continue to Whitecroft and Parkend viewing the signalling on the way

The special train will then return to Lydney Junction at the end of the visit. For more information on the DFR see https://deanforestrailway.co.uk/

There is car parking at the National Rail Lydney station which is adjacent to the DFR Lydney Junction station. The start time will enable travel to Lydney by Cross Country or Transport for Wales connecting services in the morning at the start of the visit.

There will be a reservation fee of £42 for this visit.

For those staying nearby, we are planning a further use of our special train into the evening when we will be arranging for a supper to be served. Details and the cost of this will be available some time during January 2020. Please register on the form below if you are interested in this option?

PPE in the form of Hi-Vis and strong shoes are advised for this visit. Please complete the registration form below

Please note that the Institution and the administrations whose sites are being visited cannot accept any responsibility for injury, damage or other difficulty which may arise. Delegates are therefore advised to ensure that their own insurance covers all appropriate eventualities.

Mike Tyrrell
Visits Secretary
IRSE Minor Railways Section
IRSE MINOR RAILWAYS SECTION, SPRING TECHNICAL VISIT to the Dean Forest Railway on the 28th March 2020

Please forward this form by e-mail to mrsvisits@irse.org or post to 10 Portsmouth Wood Close, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2DQ and arrange payment.

Surname:__________________________ First Name:__________________________

IRSE Membership Number:____________________ (If applicable)

Please indicate:

What Minor or Heritage Railway are you associated with? (Or state none) _______________________

Mobile Number:____________________ E-mail Address: ______________________

Full Address:
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I wish to attend the Minor Railways Section Technical Visit to the Dean Forest Railway on 28th March 2020, the registration fee is £42.00 per delegate. Please submit one registration form per applicant.

Please indicate here if you are interested in receiving details of our evening event and supper on the Dean Forest Railway........Yes / No. Please note that this will be charged separately to the visit.

I enclose payment of £ _____ which should preferably be by BACS transfer to account number 32349920, sort code 56-00-49, or please make cheques payable to "IRSE Minor Railways Section"

NAME______________________________ Signature____________________________________

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