

SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS OUTING 2025 – “ESCAPE THE TURKEY”
A FESTIVE SEASON VISIT TO THE IRWELL VALLEY

This year, join us on a day out in Lancashire on Saturday 27 December, where we intend to have a visit to the East Lancashire Railway which is operating a timetable of steam and diesel hauled trains over its picturesque route from Heywood to Rawtenstall via Bury.

We will travel by train from Shrewsbury station using the 0750 train north to Manchester Piccadilly, from where we will travel by Metrolink tram to Bury Interchange arriving there at about 1000, which is a short walk from Bury Bolton Street Station.

We would intend to travel on the steam hauled service at 1155 to Rawtenstall which after covering the whole of the line returns to Bury at 1450, following which we would retrace our steps to Bury Interchange, thence by tram to Piccadilly, to get back to Shrewsbury at 1744.

In addition the railway has a much-praised transport museum at Bury, and since we intend to get day rover tickets for our trip on the line, we can pay a free of charge visit to the museum on arrival at Bury, and before we join our train as above.

The railway is well provided with catering facilities, including hot meals at Bury and a popular bar at Rawtenstall.

The return train fare from Shrewsbury to Manchester is £39.90 (£26.60 with a Railcard), and the tram fare from there to Bury and return (Metrolink All Zone ticket) is £4.90; the rover ticket on the East Lancashire Railway is £20.

If you are interested in joining the Society on what should be an interesting and enjoyable Xmas outing, please advise Lionel Price at outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk or call 01691 654488 or 07786 165101 (message may be left), giving your name and membership number.

SRS will buy your East Lancashire Railway Rover ticket in advance, payment for which can be made at either of the November Society meetings in cash or by cheque, or by cheque sent by post, and if you wish to send a cheque in the post, please indicate accordingly when registering your interest.

As is usual with SRS outings of this kind national network and Metrolink tickets should be purchased individually “on the day”

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