

LASRUG members receive a quarterly newsletter covering the history, people and developments along the line. We also arrange a variety of presentations, on rail-related themes. In addition, the annual membership of £7.00 supports our campaigns.

If you would like to become a member of **LASRUG** and be a part of the support for our beautiful route, please complete the application form below, and return it, together with a cheque (payable to **LASRUG**) for £7.00, to the

LASRUG Membership Secretary,
Lakeber House, Robin Lane,
Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AF

LASRUG Membership Application Form

Name

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I would like to receive the quarterly newsletter by:

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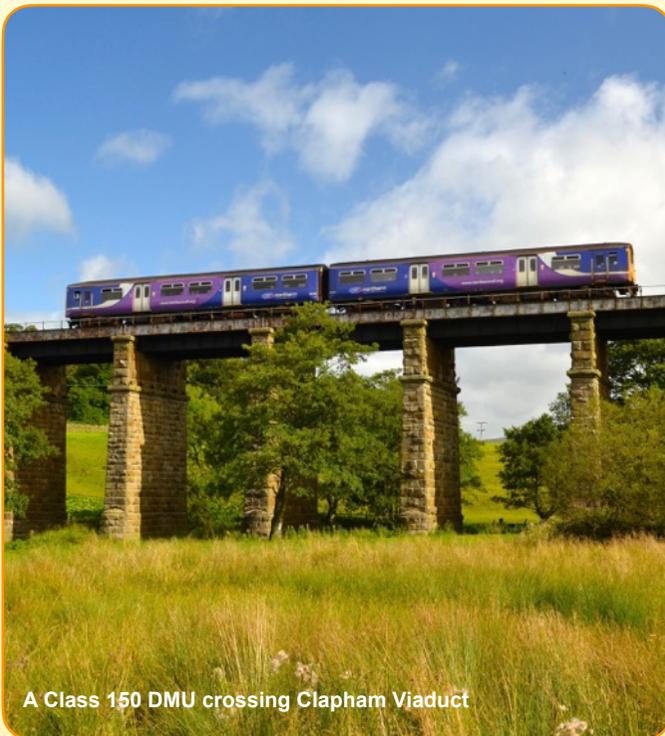
I enclose the annual membership fee of £7.00.

Signed

Date

Data Protection - Please note

You are advised that the details on your application form may be held on computer, for LASRUG's use only.



A Class 150 DMU crossing Clapham Viaduct

The LASRUG Newsletter

The A5 colour newsletter is published in March, June, September and December, each year.

<p>LASRUG Lancaster and Skipton Rail User Group</p> <p>Newsletter - March</p> <p>THE FLYING SCOTSMAN'S TEST RUN Local residents mingled with various rail phobias as a group of pupils and staff from the primary school watch the locomotive working hard on the rails. The Flying Scotsman did not disappoint with a community together to celebrate her return to the For some it brought back memories of a big encounter with the locomotive, whilst for other locomotive in action.</p>	<p>LASRUG Lancaster and Skipton Rail User Group</p> <p>Newsletter - December</p> <p>THE BRIEF ENCOUNTER SPECIAL The steam special, organised by the Carlisle. It anniversary of the making of David Lean's celebrated. Having picked up passengers at Carlisle, Warrington special made its way via the Bentham, Clitheroe and lines to join the West Coast main line, south of the Warrington it then headed through North Cheshire via of Frodsham and Hildesley, arriving at Chester to be greeted</p>	<p>LASRUG Lancaster and Skipton Rail User Group</p> <p>Newsletter - September 2015</p> <p>LASRUG The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall at 7.30pm on Friday, 18th September 2015 Guest Speaker: Pete Myers, Client and Stake Holder Manager at Northern Rail Ltd</p>
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Lancaster and Skipton Rail User Group



Class 158 No.816 at Skipton

Membership Leaflet

LASRUG exists to represent present and potential users of the Leeds to Morecambe Line, which links the towns and cities of West Yorkshire, via the picturesque Aire, Ribble, Wenning and Lune Valleys, with the city of Lancaster and the seaside resort of Morecambe.

Marketed as the Bentham Line, this important trans-pennine line gives access for tourists, walkers and cyclists to the southern Yorkshire Dales and the Forest of Bowland, and is a vital link for the rural communities it serves with connections at Leeds and Lancaster to all parts of the country.



'Leander' passing through Bentham

LASRUG was formed in 1989 to support, develop and improve services on the most rural part of the Leeds to Morecambe Line, to encourage greater use of public transport and to seek an integrated transport network for the Craven-Lancaster area. Having recently gained a year-round, eight-train Sunday service, to complement the ten-train Monday to Saturday service, we continue to work for a more frequent and regular-interval service and more suitable trains on the route.



'One of the most glorious train journeys in Britain'
Michael Williams, from 'On the Slow Train Again'

With that in view, **LASRUG** is now looking forward, under the new Northern franchise, to the improved services scheduled for December 2017, when we shall have three more trains in both directions Monday to Saturday and an additional train each way on Sundays. There will be services to enable commuting to Skipton, Leeds and Lancaster and later evening services. The increase in services will also enable a more evenly-spaced timetable.

The promised removal of the unsuitable 'Pacer' services by the end of 2019 is welcomed by **LASRUG**, as is their replacement by rolling stock more appropriate to this scenic line and longer distance trans-pennine journey.

LASRUG also looks forward to playing a part in the formation and advancement of new station adoption groups within the local communities to assist in developing and enhancing the stations on the Bentham Line.

LASRUG was a founding member of the Leeds-Lancaster-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership and works closely with Northern, (Arriva Rail North Ltd.), local authorities, neighbouring rail user groups and the local communities to promote the line.



The LASRUG Website

Our website lasrug.btkc.co.uk will keep you up to date with our activities and events.

