



TOURS 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

As we celebrate our 50 years anniversary (see Chairman's Editorial) and try to cope with whatever Covid brings along, the theme we are using for the 2022 Tours will be **"let's get back on track"**. The advantage of rail in 2022 will be the feel-good factor of being able to spread out on the trains, the pleasure of riding on the new rolling stock, and being able to make a last minute decision about going out or staying at home.

As you read on you will see that 2022 Tours are as far as possible "turn up and go", with the intention of allowing as many members as possible to take part. All GA trains are DDA compliant with no step access suitable for buggies and walkers.

We have not given up completely on coach outings, so if and when Covid rules change and we assess that members feel comfortable about resuming coach travel, and destinations take group bookings, we hope to organise some "days out by coach" tours.

All train tours start and finish at Felixstowe railway station, with the advantage of near-by on-street parking if needed (East Suffolk Council now charges for Garrison Lane Car Park). Options to pick up and drop off at Trimley or Derby Road stations. Your "FTW Tour Guides" will be on hand to be sure that you buy the correct ticket and escort you as we change trains along the routes, with detailed itinerary and advice on places to go and things to do at our destinations.



Expression of Interest form

Please return this form to Richard Holland, 14, Princes Gardens, Felixstowe IP11 7RH or or e-mail him at richolland1@btinternet.com

Please tick or delete as appropriate - I/We wish to register an interest for(how many) places on the following Tours (tick if interested)

- 1 - Ely
- 2 - Lowestoft and the Transport Museum
- 3 - City of London
- 4 - North Norfolk Railway / Sheringham
- 5 - Norwich
- 6 - Co-op Juniors Christmas Show
- 7 - Any other day trips by coach

Suggestions

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Name

Address

Tel no.

Email address

Railcards - Can be a great bargain - available to Seniors, Two-Together, Family and Friends, HM Armed Forces veterans, younger people & students and more.

As an example, a "Senior" Railcard holder going on our Tours 1, 3, 4 and 5 (not required on Tour 2) will save the £30 cost of a Railcard, with all other train journeys for a year at the one-third off price.

TOUR 1 Ely by train on Thursday (Market Day) in the springtime

Ely, best known for its magnificent cathedral offers a range of attractions to the day-visitor including the beautiful waterside walk, the neighbouring Jubilee Gardens, art gallery and the regions largest antique centre, and a number of popular eateries. Train station is just a few minutes walk from the riverside or about 10 minutes to the city centre and cathedral.

Depart Felixstowe 09.28 (Trimley 09.31 or Derby Road 09.41,) to **arrive in Ely at 10.58**

At the time of writing we don't have to change trains at Ipswich because the inbound from Felixstowe train on arrival at Ipswich becomes the outgoing Ely train.

Leaving Ely for the homeward journey on the 16.31 allows you a good four hours to explore, shop and eat. Good connections between the Ely and Felixstowe train at Ipswich

Arrive back in Felixstowe at 18.24 (Derby Road at 18.09; Trimley at 18.18)

Return Fare £20.40 (or £13.45 with a Railcard)

TOUR 2 Lowestoft and the East Anglian Transport Museum in early summer

We go by train to Lowestoft, via Ipswich, then onto the Carlton Colville museum by vintage coach. The recently extended museum has one of the widest range of preserved vehicles which can be seen in action bringing back sights and sounds of the past. Stroll along the woodland path to the tram terminus or visit the museum shop or the Terminus Tearooms for light refreshments and drinks, or bring your own picnic.

Depart Felixstowe 09.28 (Trimley 09.31 or Derby Road 09.41) to **arrive in Lowestoft 11.42.**

Leave the Transport Museum in time to catch the 16.06 to **arrive back in Felixstowe** by 18.24 (Derby road at 18.09; Trimley at 18.18)

Return Fare (payable only on the train) - an East Suffolk Line Ranger ticket £20.80 or £13.70 seniors (without production of a Senior Rail Card)

Museum entrance £7.00 (OAP Group price) payable on the day.

TOUR 3 City of London by train in the summer

A day trip to the heart of the City of London to explore lots within a short walking distance of Liverpool Street station - the Guildhall Art gallery, London Museum, Bank of England museum, Leadenhall Market, Spitalfields, Tower of London, Thames embankment, St Paul's cathedral and all the other Wren designed churches, (or go on further by bus or underground)

Depart Felixstowe 08.54 (Trimley 08.57 or Derby Road 09.09) to **arrive in Liverpool St. station 10.55**

Allow four and a half hours to explore then

Leave Liverpool Street on the 15.30 to **arrive back in Felixstowe** at 17.24 (Derby Road at 17.09; Trimley at 17.18)

Return fare £48.80 (or £32.20 with a Railcard)

TOUR 4 North Norfolk Railway "the Poppy Line" in late summer

It is some years since we visited this well known premier heritage railway, operated almost entirely by volunteers that goes from the smart Victorian seaside resort of Sheringham to the Georgian town of Holt running through North Norfolk's most stunning coastal scenery.

Stroll through Sheringham town centre maybe as far as the seafront and pier, and either find somewhere to eat or we may be able to book an afternoon cream tea on the train as we enjoy the ride.

Depart Felixstowe 08.54 (Trimley 08.57 or Derby Road 09.09) to **arrive in Sheringham at 11.42**

(changes at Ipswich and Norwich)

Leave Sheringham on the 16.49 to arrive **back in Felixstowe** by 19.24 (Derby Road at 19.09; Trimley at 19.18)

Return fare - £21.20 (or £13.95 with a Railcard)

Heritage train fare is in addition and will be announced nearer the time.

TOUR 5

Norwich by train in the autumn

What better place for a day out with so much to see and do. The Cathedral, Castle* museum and art gallery, riverside walks, shops and market and more.

Depart Felixstowe 08.54 (Trimley 08.57 or Derby Road 09.09) to arrive in Norwich 10.22 (Change at Ipswich)

Leave Norwich on the 16.00 to arrive **back in Felixstowe** by 17.24 (Derby Road at 17.09; Trimley at 17.18)

Return fare - £20.40 (or £13.45 with a Railcard)

* NB - *The medieval castle, battlements and dungeons are closed this year for redevelopment. However, the Arts, Wider World & Natural History galleries and the Royal Norfolk Regiment collection, the café and shop will be open.*

TOUR 6

Co-op Juniors Christmas Show (4pm), Snape Maltings - Friday December 2nd

After seeing a wonderful show in December 2021, we have reserved 28 seats again this year. All being well the arrangements will be as before -

Travel by coach **leaving Felixstowe train station at 13.00** to arrive in good time for the 16.00 (4pm) performance with no pick-up or drop off points on the way there or back. With an option for those members who wish to make their own (car) travel arrangements to take advantage of the reduced concert hall ticket price we can get with a group reservation.

Return at the end of the afternoon performance **to be back in Felixstowe by 18.30 - 19.00**

Ticket price including coach fare estimate at about £32 (or concert hall ticket only - TBA).