



Sittingbourne's Steam Railway

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Press Release

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July at Sittingbourne's Steam Railway

It's Steam & Beer time! Sittingbourne's Steam Railway's annual Steam & Beer event will be held on 6th & 7th July with trains from 11am until late on the Saturday and 11am until 5pm on the Sunday. Things calm down again with the usual hourly departures 1-4pm on Sundays. As the school summer holidays start, so do the Wednesday trains from 31st July until the end of August, departing Sittingbourne Viaduct station hourly 1-4pm too.

With a selection of approximately 35 real ales plus a number of ciders, Steam & Beer is a great event for real ale or cider aficionados as well as those looking for a good day/afternoon/evening out! On the Saturday there will be live music by several bands/musicians from midday, a barbecue and the usual refreshments from the Footplate Café. On Sunday, Captain Jack Sparrow will return to

entertain everyone with his antics – there will be fun and games and anyone dressed as a pirate to join Jack's scurvy crew will receive a prize (whilst stocks last!). On Sunday evening there's a happy hour with all drinks £1 from 5-6pm. Special fares and a special timetable apply for this event and will be available, along with the list of ales from the Railway's website. There will be no pedestrian access to Kemsley Down during this event.

The remaining Sundays and last Wednesday of the month will see trains departing Sittingbourne Viaduct station hourly from 1-4pm.

The return fares for 2019 are:

- Adults - £7
- Concessions - £6
- Child (aged 3-15) - £3.50
- Under 3s go free
- Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) - £20

Special fares and timetable apply for Steam & Beer. Other fares are available, such as single tickets (£4 for adults and £3 for children/concessions), to enable passengers to walk one way via Milton Creek Country Park and the Saxon Shore Way. Passengers are advised to arrive 10-15 minutes early to buy the tickets as these are not bookable in advance.

For more information visit www.sklr.net, email info@sklr.net or call 01795 424899.



Figure 1 – During Steam & Beer a two train service operates during the day providing extra frequency, here 'Leader' arrives as 'Melior' waits to depart - photo available to [download here](#)



Figure 2 - Richard Milln on guitar at Steam & Beer 2018 - photo available to [download here](#)



Figure 3 - The Midnight Blue on the DS Smith Stage during Steam & Beer 2018 - photo available to [download here](#)

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Information for the media:

1. The SKLR is now the longest continuous operator of the railway and is operated and maintained entirely by volunteers.
2. Postal address: SKLR, PO Box 300, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2DZ.
3. Photographs of the Railway can be found on the Press Officer's Flickr account www.flickr.com/stopem Feel free to use them without a fee but please credit 'www.sklr.net' or 'SKLR'.

4. Press releases can be downloaded from the Railway's website:

<http://www.skir.net/latest-news/press-releases/>

5. The Press Officer is available for interviews and recording sessions at the Railway or studios. Other members may be requested for interview through the Press Officer.

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