

## **RAIL CAMPAIGNERS' CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2006.**

**STOKE-ON-TRENT**

**Ashley Building, Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2DE**

Venue is on LEEK ROAD, about 10 minutes walk from Stoke-on-Trent railway station.

Map available at [www.railfuture.org.uk](http://www.railfuture.org.uk) web-site along with more information. Follow "Campaigners' Conference" link.

**Conference sponsored by GRAND CENTRAL RAILWAY and FRASER EAGLE.**

The Railfuture Summer Conference 2006 will get rail campaigners together to talk about campaigning activities and where decide campaigning should go in the future.

**Registration at 10.00am. Conference starts at 11.00am. Finishes at 8.15pm.**

Railfuture members £10.00. Non-members £15.00 (two free Railwatch magazines)  
Includes tea and coffee throughout. Lunch available for an extra £7.50. Accommodation for £25.

**Keynote speaker: IAN YEOWART, MANAGING DIRECTOR, GRAND CENTRAL RAILWAY**

There are a series of sessions (consisting of a presentation plus Q&A) during the day:

**New Technology:** George Watson, vice-chariman of WyvernRail PLC talking about MyTestTrack.com, the 8-mile long railway line in Derbyshire used by more than 250 customers to economically test new rail vehicles.

**Suburban Railways - Technology for Revitalising and Reopening:** Caspar Lucas of JM Parry Associates, Carl Henderson inventor of BladeRunner, Peter Coates-Smith of HoldFast (provisional) on economically using disused railways.

**Campaigning against Cuts** - Save Our Sleeper co-chairmen Andrew Roden and Stuart Walker talk about how they mobilised support for the Paddington-Penzance 'sleeper' and saved it from the axe – probably preventing other cuts too.

**Reviving Rural Railways** – Stuart Walker (Cornish branches) and Ruth Annison (Chair, Wensleydale Railway PLC)

**Campaigning for sensible rail schemes** – Journalist Andrew Roden (International Railway Journal)

**Attracting people to the railways** – Jerry Alderson (Railfuture Vice-Chairman) on National Railcard and other fare structures; Ruth Annison on Marketing the Wensleydale Railway. Other speakers are expected.

Conference will finish with an hour-long "QUESTION TIME" in which a panel of rail campaigners will answer questions about railway and environmental matters.

Further details: [www.railfuture.org.uk](http://www.railfuture.org.uk) web-site.

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[www.railfuture.org.uk](http://www.railfuture.org.uk)

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006 - 11am

Ashley Building, Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2DE

Only a few minutes from Stoke-on-Trent railway station

Presentations by members of rail industry

Chat informally to speakers during lunch

Meet other rail campaigners across Britain

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The conference for rail campaigners

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## CAMPAIGNING FOR

Enhanced services, improved stations, better trains and facilities, reopened stations/lines

## CAMPAIGNING AGAINST

Service cuts, line closures, fare hikes, overcrowding, run-down stations etc.

**Ruth Annison**, Chairman **Wensleydale Railway PLC**

**Ian Yeowart**, Managing Director, **Grand Central Railway**

**Cllr Phil Davis**, chairman of **TravelWatch Midlands West** "speaking up for transport users"

**Caspar Lucas**, Technical Director of **JM Parry and Associates (Parry People Movers)**

**Carl Henderson**, inventor of **BladeRunner** road-rail vehicle

**Andrew Roden**, rail journalist and Joint Chairman "**Save Our Sleeper**"

**Stuart Walker**, **Railfuture** Devon/Cornwall branch – campaigning for branch lines

**George Watson**, **MyTestTrack.com** (WyvernRail PLC)

Several more speakers to be confirmed (HoldFast Rubber Highway, high-speed rail are provisional)

£10 for Railfuture members \*or affiliates (upto 2)

£15 for non-members

£7.50 extra for buffet lunch

£2 extra for conference report

Railfuture web-site: <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/tiki-index.php?page=Summer%20Conference>

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## RAIL CAMPAIGNERS' CONFERENCE – STOKE-ON-TRENT – 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2006

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**RAILFUTURE, 32 The Oaks, Milton, Cambridge, CB4 6ZG.**  
**Enquiries – tel: Jerry on 01223 527180**

Please only use this address for conference correspondence.

If booking accommodation please specify Friday and/or Saturday below

Accommodation + breakfast £25 (£45 for both nights)	Friday <b>YES / NO</b> Saturday <b>YES / NO</b>
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Conference fee: £10 / £15	£
Lunch: £7.50	£
Accommodation: £25 / £45	£
Conference Report: £2	£
<b>Total payable:</b>	<b>£</b>

Attend Saturday evening session incl. "*Question Time*" (17:45-20:15 – no extra charge): **YES / NO**

Conference evening meal for £12 (excl. drinks) at venue on Saturday night. (pay on night) **YES / NO**

Trip to nearby Churnet Valley Steam Railway on Sunday (11am-2pm approx.) (pay on day) **YES / NO**

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