

## SLPG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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POSTCODE

e-mail address

I use the train for:

Business  Leisure   
Please tick as appropriate

My usual journey is between

and

I do not object to my records being stored on a computer. (The SLPG will not share your details with other organisations.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form with your subscription to:  
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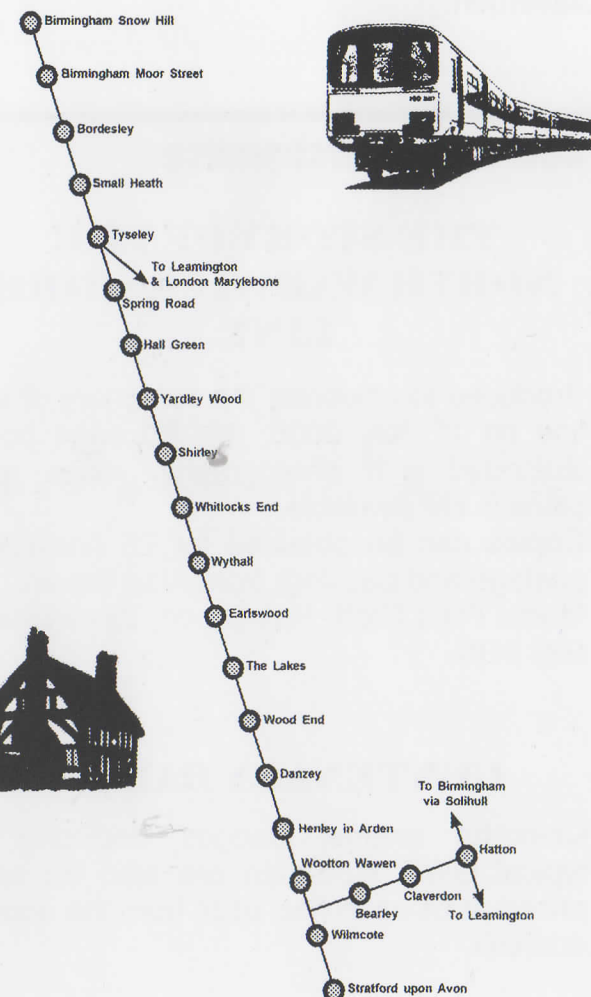
Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you require confirmation of receipt.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Shakespeare Line Promotion Group'. Donations are always welcome.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ Brand new Class 172 'Turbo' diesel trains are set to be introduced from late 2010 to replace the familiar but ageing Sprinter DMUs.
- ◆ The terminal platforms at Birmingham Moor Street are soon to be brought back into use for regular off-peak services to and from London by Chiltern Railways.
- ◆ Warwickshire County Council has firm plans for a new park & ride station near the A34/A46 junction at Bishopton, just north of Stratford upon Avon. It will be adjacent to the existing bus park & ride and will be known as Stratford Parkway.
- ◆ It is hoped that additional limited stop trains will soon augment the all stations service between Birmingham and Stratford on both Saturdays and weekdays. The creation of a 2 trains per hour service has been a long term aim of the SLPG. South of Shirley the new trains are initially expected to serve the intermediate stations at Wythall and Henley in Arden.
- ◆ The SLPG and other interest groups are seeking the reinstatement of the 6-mile former Stratford – Long Marston line in order to complete a link between Stratford and the Cotswold Line at Honeybourne. This would open up new rail travel options to Evesham, Worcester and Oxford and potentially provide a connection for steam trains to Broadway. Visit [www.avonraillink.co.uk](http://www.avonraillink.co.uk) for further information
- ◆ Vintage Trains have planning permission for a steam centre at Stratford station.

# SHAKESPEARE LINE PROMOTION GROUP



## WHO ARE WE ?

The Shakespeare Line Promotion Group (SLPG) is a voluntary organisation which aims to promote usage of the Shakespeare rail line between Birmingham and Stratford upon Avon and campaigns for improvements in services and station facilities. We also look after the interests of passengers using the line between Stratford and Leamington, in particular users of the stations at Bearley and Claverdon.

### Centenary Merchandise

#### THE STORY OF THE NORTH WARWICKSHIRE LINE

Produced to celebrate the centenary of the line on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008, this 60 page book illustrated with photographs, maps and plans is still available.

Copies can be obtained for £5 (including postage and packing) from Alan Bevan, 12 Morris Field Croft, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 0RN.

#### CENTENARY BADGE

Colourful enamel badges depicting a typical GWR auto-train are also on sale priced at £4 each (inc. p&p) from the above address.

## WE ARE WORKING FOR WHAT YOU WANT

- ◆ A half hourly service between Birmingham and Stratford on Mondays to Saturdays with more limited stop trains.
- ◆ Rebuilt platforms at The Lakes station.
- ◆ A new car park for Wythall station and enlarged car parks at other locations, for example at Yardley Wood.
- ◆ New lifts and level access at Shirley station.
- ◆ Additional car parking at Henley in Arden station and level access to the northbound platform.
- ◆ Improved train service punctuality and reliability.
- ◆ Increased off-peak passenger usage.
- ◆ Later evening trains.
- ◆ More frequent services at Bearley and Claverdon stations.
- ◆ Better rail service promotion.

For further information about the Shakespeare Line and the SLPG visit [www.shakespeareline.com](http://www.shakespeareline.com)

## WILL YOU SUPPORT THE SHAKESPEARE LINE PROMOTION GROUP ?

Help us to help you.

For a mere £5 per annum (£4 for concessions) members get:

- A 16 page News & Features Magazine twice a year.
- Active lobbying and regular liaison with rail managers on issues that affect your train service.
- New initiatives and ideas to improve your travel experience.
- Publicity and promotion of the Shakespeare Line to generate more patronage.
- Annual Meetings where you can question our activities, council representatives and rail managers and hear interesting guest speakers.

***You know it's worth doing – so please complete the application form overleaf without delay.***

**Do let us know about your views and ideas regarding current and future rail services and the station facilities along the Shakespeare Line.**