

18 May 2025

SLUG Annual Public Meeting Report



The SLUG Public Meeting and Annual General Meeting was held in the Refreshment Rooms at Kidderminster Town station (Severn Valley Railway) on Tuesday 13th May.

The public meeting featured presentations by three railway professionals :-

- Harry Burr (Stakeholder Executive and Community Rail Lead) at Chiltern Railways
- Geoff Grant (Stakeholder Manager) at West Midlands Trains
- Peter Sargent (Head of Rail Policy and Strategy) at West Midlands Rail Executive

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session.

All three presentations were well received by the audience of rail users and the slides from each presentation can be view by clicking on one of the links below.

20 February 2025

Train Formation Changes from 24 February 2025



Regular passengers on the Stourbridge line will know that, since the middle of January, the short formation of some services has become a common occurrence, with some services reduced from 5-car to 2-car. On the worst affected days, seven of the fifteen diagrams have been short formed.

West Midlands Railway has now reacted to this situation and has announced that, from Monday 24 February 2025, it will be introducing temporarily revised train formations on some services on the Snow Hill Lines due to a shortage of available carriages. Full information from the West Midlands Railway website may be read by clicking on the link below.

Since 24 February, the situation has deteriorated even further. As a result, West Midlands Railway has announced that six Monday to Friday services will be withdrawn from 31 March until "later in the summer". Thankfully, none of these services are on the Stourbridge line. The services are as follows.

- 0700 Birmingham Snow Hill to Leamington Spa
- 0754 Leamington Spa to Birmingham Snow Hill
- 0723 Worcester Foregate Street to Birmingham New Street
- 1750 Birmingham New Street to Hereford
- 1950 Hereford to Birmingham New Street
- 2200 Birmingham New Street to Worcester Shrub Hill

Updated timetables have been posted on the Timetables page.

5 January 2025

SLUG Christmas Quiz – Answers



1. Hetty Wainthrop Investigates



2. Not The Nine 'o' Clock News



3. The Professionals



4. Shoestring



5. Adam Adamant Lives



6. Sorry!



7. The Persuaders



8. When The Boat Comes In



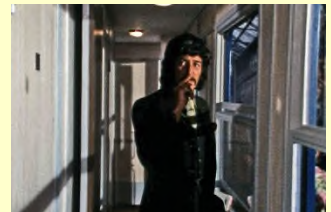
9. Lovejoy



10. Public Eye



11. Boon



12. Jason King



13. The Return Of The Saint



14. The Fast Show



15. Grantchester



16. Agatha Christie's Poirot



17. Strike



18. Monty Python's Flying Circus