



Express Update

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COVID Restrictions

Although national restrictions, and also club restrictions are being amended or reduced please remember to follow any restrictions or temporary rules we have in place.

These have been communicated and are displayed around the club

Public Running

It seems like it has been a long time since we've said anything about public running, but we are running again. Albeit in a slightly amended fashion but it seems to be working well and passengers are appreciative of our efforts.

There is now a duty list on the wall in the clubhouse for traffic controller, loader, fare taker and trolley cleaner. Please could I urge you to commit to filling these duties at some point in the year, if you would like to volunteer and cant get to the club to put your name down or would like more information, please contact Chris Williams on [01622 736401](tel:01622736401) or [07710 716381](tel:07710716381)

Our amended operations are not too far from normal. The main differences being the public queue line, and the procedure in the station area for engines.

This being to wait and fill up with coal and water at the far end of the trolley store, while trollies are being cleaned before being called forward when ready to pickup.



The new temporary queue, the poles go into “sockets” hammered down in the right place.. The normal station area acting as a clear space from waiting drivers and members.

IMLEC

Just a reminder and to confirm that IMLEC is currently still planned to go ahead over the weekend (Friday to Sunday) of the 20th - 22nd August.

We currently have enough entrants to run the 3 days and have some capacity for a few more.

If you would like to assist on the weekend of the competition, on any or all days, even if you don't really know what IMLEC is about, you can contact either myself (Luke), Tom or Chris H for any further information.

IMLEC is a friendly weekend, most people don't take anything too seriously and anything can happen. Its our first “go” at hosting the event, and we hope it goes smoothly, and all enjoy themselves.

Friday Night Club Evenings

We thank anyone that has given a talk to us or hosted an evening for us during this hard time, and at the same time we recognise that having these talks and events via Zoom video calls are not ideal for everyone.

We are hopefully and looking into the possibility of having evening meetings and events at the club once again and having evening runs recommence, this will however be communicated in plenty of time beforehand, but when this does happen I strongly hope we see the return of many faces we haven't seen for a long time.

Back down for a chat, cup of tea, run into the darkness or just showing what is being worked on.

Also please let us know if you want a talk arranged on a topic or have one you wouldn't mind giving to us all.