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The Society for the Reinvigoration of Unremunerative Branch Lines in the United Kingdom

The Branch Line Reinvigoration Society

PROGRESS REPORT - APRIL, 1959.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The attention of all members is drawn to the notice enclosed with this circular of the Annual General Meeting that takes place this year on a weekday evening, as an experiment. It has been suggested by some members that this would be preferable, to avoid taking time out of a weekend. Although it is felt that a weekend is more suitable, as it enables members from a distance to be present more easily, this year as an experiment a Thursday evening has been chosen, and it is hoped that this will meet with the general approval of members. In an organisation such as SRUBLUK, with a membership spread over the whole country, it is inevitable that only a small number of members can attend a meeting wherever it takes place, but it is hoped that all members will do their best to attend this year - and in subsequent years.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Although the M & G N has now been closed, interest has not flagged; a Society member (Mr. L.J. Boll) who has been acting on behalf of SRUBLUK HAD PUT FORWARD A VERY STRONG CASE FOR ITS RETENTION, and two Members of Parliament local councils, and others have expressed support for the Society's views in the matter.

Consideration was also given to conditions on the Wye Valley Line, and also on the M & S W J Line (Cheltenham and Andover) in view of the lack of through facilities as well as the increasing paucity of the services. These questions are being followed up.

The Committee are keeping in view the proposals to withdraw passenger facilities from the Rugby to Leamington Spa Line of London Midland Region, in which SRUBLUK are liaising with the Railway Development Association.

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