



Advanced Steam Traction Trust

Advanced Notice and Call for Papers for a Two-day Conference 29th - 30th Sep 2018 “Building up Steam for the Future” at the Bury Transport Museum, Greater Manchester

Following the success of our 2016 and 2017 conferences, the Advanced Steam Traction Trust will hold its third conference this year which will once again warrant the appellation “international” as we are expecting participants to be flying in for it from both the US and Europe.

Speakers wanted: We have already received offers from several speakers but more are required so please let us know if you have a topic that you’d like to present at the conference. Subject matter can (and will) cover a broad scope, and whilst most speakers will focus on engineering matters, ideas or insights into how steam traction’s future might be enhanced through non-technical means will be welcomed.

We expect to have time for 12 presentations over the 2 days. Speaking offers so far received include:

Steam locomotive bio-fuel developments in the USA	Wolfgang Fengler
An insight into the Anderson condenser	Joseph Cliffe
Experiences in the role of CME of the East Lancs Rly.	Dave Reynolds
New ideas for steam locomotive development	Jamie Keyte
Char recycling and/or cylinder heating	Doug Landau
“If I were Sir William Stanier”	Joseph Cliffe*
Design of the boiler for the USA’s T1 Project	Wolfgang Fengler
Outreach Opportunities for ASTT	David Gibson
Update on ASTT’s Electronic Performance Measuring System	Mike Horne
<i>* Joseph knew Sir William personally when he worked at Powerjets Ltd in the 1950s.</i>	

Note: the above is a preliminary listing only. Roger Waller and Nigel Day have both expressed an interest in attending (and offering presentations) if their work commitments allow.

If you would like to offer a presentation at the conference, please write to info@advanced-steam.org outlining the subject matter of your paper and its anticipated presentation time.

Conference Programme: In addition to broadening attendees’ knowledge of steam traction, the conference offers an opportunity for them to meet like minded people and to indulge in technical talk that that is too often absent within the steam enthusiast fraternity.

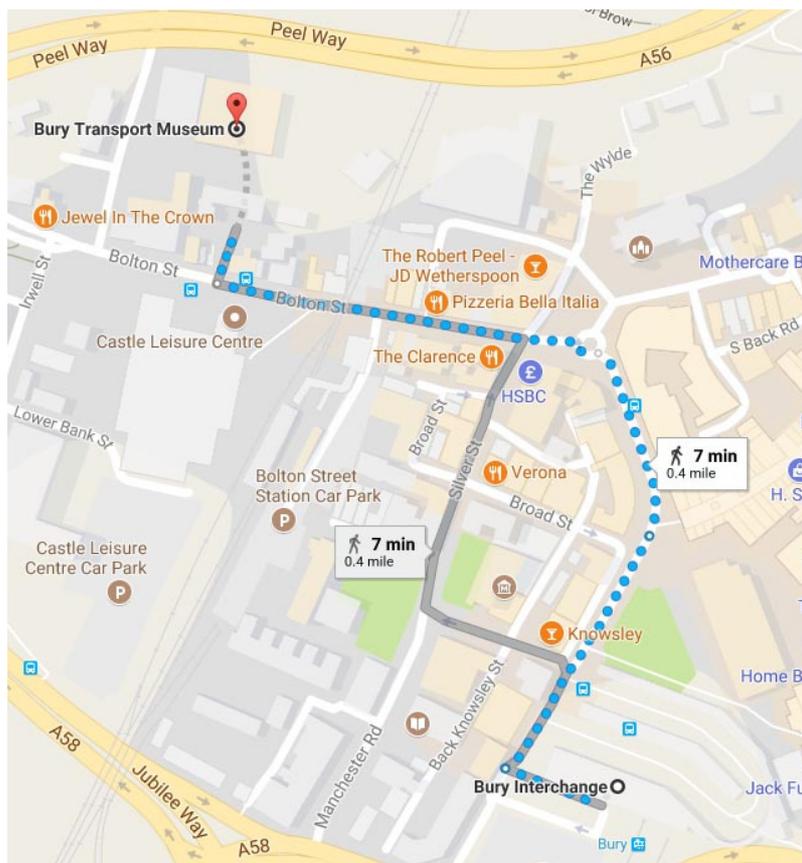
Like last year, the conference will combine presentations with an outside excursion – this time a steam-hauled ride over the ELR tracks on the Sunday morning, with on-board refreshments provided. A conference dinner is also planned for the Saturday evening - once again at the Two Tubs pub which provided us with an excellent meal last year.

Reservations needed for Limited Seating: The museum’s meeting room has a seating capacity of little more than 40, and places will be reserved on a “first-come-first-serve” basis. If you’d like one a seats kept for you, please reserve one by writing to info@advanced-steam.org.

Pricing: Admission prices will be set to cover the conference costs and will therefore be a little higher than last year when costs overran receipts. The current budget suggests that members will be asked to pay £45 for two days' attendance (including the steam-hauled ride over the ELR) or £30 for a single day's attendance. Admission fees for non-members will be £5 higher.

As per last year's event, those wishing to attend the conference dinner will be charged separately for their meal. Expected cost is as before: around £12 for two courses (extra for a third course).

Getting to the Conference Venue: Bury Transport Museum is easily accessible by public transport and car, and has onsite parking. Manchester's Metro system operates to and from **Manchester International Airport** and from both its mainline stations. The ride from central Manchester takes no more than 30 minutes to reach the Bury Transport Interchange from where the Transport Museum is just a 7 minute walk away - see map below.



Local Accommodation: For those who need accommodation, the nearest hotels are:

- **Castle Guest House:** 13 mins walk to the conference – ph: 0161 797 3396. They charge £35 per night for single room including breakfast. (No conference discount available.)
- **Rostrevor Hotel:** 15 mins walk to the conference – ph: 0161 764 3944. They offer conference attendees discounted prices as follows: Single room £56 per night, or £64 with full breakfast; Double room (two people) £76.00 per night or £92 with full breakfast. For those wanting a light breakfast a lower price is negotiable. To get the discount, tell the proprietor that you are an ELR visitor attending a conference.
- **Bury Premier Inn:** 8 mins walk to the conference – ph: 0871 527 9294: Note: they charge for receiving calls(!) At the time of writing, their website was offering single rooms for £32.50 on Friday 28th Sep, and £59.50 for Saturday 29th. Breakfast wasn't mentioned so is presumably not included.