



Isle of Wight Arts Society SPECIAL INTEREST DAY

TUESDAY 13th October 2026
at AJ Wells, Bishops Way, off Manners View, Newport,
PO305WS

GREAT RAILWAY DESIGN INCLUDING A TOUR OF AJ WELLS IN NEWPORT

From those gorgeous 1930s travel posters, through nationalisation of the railways in 1948, with their bright regional colours, to the creation of the famous BR Double-Arrow symbol in the 1960s, it's not surprising how British railways have led the way in terms of design. In this special interest day we reminisce over those beautiful graphics, bygone days of railway architecture and travel. We have a fascinating railway history on the Isle of Wight and, furthermore, we have included a tour of AJ Wells & Son who manufacture the signs for London Underground, Cross rail amongst others. Our conductor on the day will be Mark Ovenden; who as many of you know, is a broadcaster and author who has sold a quarter of a million books and appeared on many TV and radio programmes.

Programme for the day:

- 10:30 - 11.00 Arrive - tea, coffee
- 11.00 - 11.45 Introductory talk by Cedric Wells about the company
- 11.45 - 12.00 'Task' for members to make own enamel sign for firing
- 12.00 - 13.00 Lunch - **Bring your own packed lunch**
- 13.00 - 13.45 Tour for first group with Cedric/Mark's presentation to second group
- 13:45 - 14.30 Tour for second group/Mark's presentation to first group
- 14.30 - 15.00 Re-assemble, fired enamel items presented to members from the kiln

Cost : The cost is **£25 for members and £30 for non-members and guests**

Payment preferably by BACS:

Account Name: Arts Society, IW. Ref: **Your Name/Sp Int Day**

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By Sum-Up with card on lecture days.

Please send slip (or give) to: Sue Giles, Magnolia House, Kite Hill,
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