



BEDFORD MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

2017 Gala Weekend

**Friday 1st September to
Sunday 3rd September 2017**

The Bedford Model Engineering Society invites you to our Annual Gala at the Summerfields Miniature Railways. This year's rally will be held on the weekend Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd September.

Following extensive track work over the last year we now have the 5" track running between the main station at Haynes End and the top Station, Hammer Hill. This will be available for use by all visitors on Friday and Saturday. During public running on Sunday the 5" gauge from Haynes End will be closed. Visitors with 5" gauge locomotives will be able to run and public haul, if they wish, from Hammer Hill Station.

Over the last couple of years we have seen a couple of traction engines attend and welcome more attendees.

Friday will be the welcome day and the railway tracks and the traction engine road will be open for use from midday. Saturday is the Gala day proper while Sunday is a public running day where all our visitors, if they so wish, can run for the public.

Camping and caravan facilities on site are available (by arrangement) from Thursday 31st August to Monday 4th September, though it may be possible to accommodate tents and caravans beyond these dates if so required. Please note there are a limited number of pitches and they will be allocated on a first come basis.

If you wish to attend please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible, no later than 11th August 2017. (*Forms in NSME club-house or BMES web-site.*)

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Gala weekend.

A note from Doreen and George:

Since 2011, we've been to the BMES rally every year. It is an interesting track, with something new each year so far. It has a challenging gradient and a choice of routes. How much more can they expand?

The traction engine road is long and up-hill (or down, if you are going the other way!) 5" and 7 ¼" gauge railway models and model road vehicles are all welcomed.

Friday ends with drinks, Fish and Chips (optional) and an appropriate film, in the club-house.