



Reproduced With Permission Frinton Station Mural Illustrating Tendring Districts Diverse Coastal Legacy

"ONTRACK" Walton On Naze, Frinton On Sea, Kirby Cross, & Thorpe Le Soken Rail Users Association
Representing Clacton & Walton Lines Rail Users for over 20 years

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WELCOME TO OUR 2016 BIG DEBATE & AGM WITH GUEST SPEAKER – Once again "ONTRACK", Tendring District's public transport voice, will hold another lively debate on local transport issues at the AGM ON SATURDAY 21st. MAY 2016 at Frinton Methodist Church Hall Ashlyn's Road 10.30 A.M. – 12 NOON. **The Debate Topic is "WILL THE NEW FRANCHISE BE A GOOD DEAL FOR US?"** After the debate there will also be a short **"General Surgery Session"** to enable hot issues to be noted and fed back to ABELLIO, Greater Anglia Railways. The past debates have been lively and well attended: No doubt many will be asking whether the new rail franchise will bring service and infrastructure improvements to employment and education opportunities; BOOST economic regeneration and tourism and be better at getting one to/ from work?

THE KEY NOTE SPEAKER will be Councillor Mark Platt Vice Chair Elect of Tendring District Council, Past Cabinet Member for Leisure & Tourism. Cllr Mark Platt who also chairs a number of Tendring District's Committees including the Transport Liaison Group overseeing Local Public Transport Issues, of which "ONTRACK", Essex Rail Users Federation, Manningtree RUA are stakeholder members. Over 2015-16 all potential bidders for the new rail franchise were met and substantive consultative submissions sent to the Dept. for Transport, Network Rail and Passenger Focus.

WHO ARE IN THE ONTRACK TEAM? We have a diverse mix of people making up "ONTRACK" (Rail Users Association) Team. They contain people from right across the social, professional and political spectrum. **Remember, 'TEAM also stands for TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!'**

WHAT ARE OUR AIMS?

ONTRACK is keen to see the following service enhancements:

- Sunday services between Walton-on-the-Naze and Colchester Town (with connections at Thorpe-le-Soken to/from Clacton-on-Sea)
- Improved late evening and also early morning services, particularly to/from Walton-on-the-Naze weekdays and weekends
- Increased train service frequency, ideally half-hourly at all stations in Tendring District
- A general reduction in overall journey times
- Re-instatement of regular fast direct train services to/from London through to both Walton and Clacton, and intermediate stations with enhanced facilities on train and on station in respect of toilets, catering and disabled

HOW DO WE DO IT? To further these interests, ONTRACK meets regularly with the local train operating company (TOC) management, Network Rail, Local authority public transport officials, the District Council and 'Passenger Focus'

See Our Website <http://www.ontrackrailusers.org.uk/> which has lots of useful links and information And we are now also on FACEBOOK (Enter 'Ontrack'. For more information contact Membership Secretary MR D PAYNE Telephone 01255 - 671749 E-mail: davidpayne@uwclub.net