

Party on the Platform - Filton Abbey Wood Station

You are cordially invited to attend a FOSBR event to celebrate the completion of Filton Bank four tracking and what this means for the future of our network.

When: Friday 22nd February 2019

Time: starting 11 am (lasting about half an hour)

Where: Filton Abbey Wood station



Filton Bank (from Dr Day's Junction to Filton Abbey Wood) last had four tracks in 1984 at which time British Rail removed two to save money. Ten years ago many of us responded to a Network Rail consultation to urge that extra tracks be reinstated between Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway. In the following years FOSBR, MPs and other decision makers put pressure on Network Rail and the government. In May 2013, FOSBR staged a photocall for the Bristol Post on the newly-installed Stapleton Road footbridge to urge funding support for four-tracking.

Following a blockade of the line in October and November 2018, the Filton Bank tracks were re-opened. This is a **game changer** for it will allow extra services to run in the future and permit greater flexibility in both regional and local services.

We particularly want to remember that this resulted from people coming together to campaign for rail, people from all political parties across the West of England, alongside those working within the rail industry - the unions, train operators and Network Rail. We want to say thank you to all those involved, celebrate the MetroWest rail projects and consider other potential local rail schemes.

Refreshments will be provided at Filton Abbey Wood with a photocall on the new platform.

Trains:

From Temple Meads: Depart Temple Meads 10:45, via Stapleton Road 10:52*, arriving at Filton Abbey Wood 10:57

*FOSBR representatives travelling from Stapleton Road will meet on Platform 1 from 10.30, to see progress of the step-free access to the footbridge on Platform 2 (due spring 2019), then catch the 10.52 to FAW.

Returning to Temple Meads: Depart Filton Abbey Wood 11:22, via Stapleton Road 11:28, arriving at Temple Meads 11:34, or catch any number of trains direct to Temple Meads