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The Mid Norfolk Railway to run September Diesel Weekend

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The Mid Norfolk Railway is to a run a busy Diesel weekend this September from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th. The weekend will feature some guest Mainline and Heritage engines.

The mainline operating company Direct Rail Services that are active in the region will be supplying either a Class 57/3 or a class 66 locomotive depending on their own operational requirements elsewhere. Also making a visit will be a class 20 locomotive, D8001 (20001) courtesy of the Epping and Ongar Railway.

D8001 will be making its first visit away from the Epping and Ongar Railway and to another railway following three years out of traffic while the engine underwent a refurbishment and painting.

The guest locomotives will be joined by the Mid Norfolk Railway's resident Diesels hauling a two train service. Coaches in use will consist of a British Railways maroon liveried Mk1 and Mk 2 vacuum braked set and an Ex Greater Anglia Mk 3 set. The railway is planning for class 47s County of Essex and Aldeburgh Festival together with the Class 14 to all be in action.

The Programme will also include an evening 'Beer Ex' train, with beer from the Tindall Brewery of



Seething, Norfolk, being available on board.

Tickets for the event will be priced at £20 for an adult Rover ticket, A senior Rover is priced at £15 and Children and MNR members at £10. Two day Rover tickets are also available at £30, £25 and £20.

The Rover tickets are also valid for the evening Beer Train. Separate tickets for this service are also available at £10 for Adults and £5 for accompanying children. The MNR has suspended the 'Kids go Free' promotion for this event.

Further details including the timetable and available from the MNR Website at www.midnorfolkrailway.co.uk.

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