**Faygate Station**

**“We need your help”**

Many of you will know that it is being suggested that Faygate Station should close. This would be the consequence, it is claimed, if a new station were to be built at Kilnwood Vale or in the proposed North Horsham housing development.

Although the station is not used as much as it would be if more trains stopped there, for those who live and for those who work in Faygate and Colgate (and Rusper too), the closure of Faygate Station would be disastrous. It would also impact badly on the residents of Durrants Village, as the station provides the only public transport route into Horsham, Crawley, Gatwick or London. For those with limited mobility and for those who no longer drive, especially as there is no public bus service available, the station is a lifeline.

A group of us who live in Durrants Village have started a campaign to retain Faygate Station – to stop it being closed. But if such a campaign is to have any chance of success, it will need the support of the folk who live in Faygate and Colgate. So I am asking if you will give your support to saving Faygate Station. We plan to have flyers coming through your door and notices in prominent places, as well as letters and articles in local papers. Even if you don’t currently use the station, it is your station and I would urge you to join in - to try to save a vital community asset.

Your local Council are supporting the campaign. We shall be contacting Horsham District Councillors, also those in West Sussex, Network Rail managers as well as the local MP.

If you feel you can help in any way, please contact me, Tony Elder, savefaygatestation@gmail.com

Two of the letters in the County Times recently, in writing about Faygate Station, have referred to Acts of Parliament in the 1840s which may have given Faygate Station special status. There was a Railway Act in 1848 and a Railway Regulation Act in 1842. If anyone has knowledge of these Acts of Parliament, I should be very pleased to hear from you.

Incidently, to say that Faygate would have to close if there is a station at Kilnwood Vale is

not true: some trains would stop at Faygate (not at Kilnwood), while others will stop at Kilnwood not at Faygate – as at Ifield and Littlehaven at present.

Tony Elder

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