

St Pancras International begins 150th anniversary celebrations with return of iconic brewery horse-drawn dray

WHERE: St Pancras International station, upper level, outside The Betjeman Arms pub

WHEN: 10-11am, Wednesday 10th January 2018

WHAT: St Pancras International will launch celebrations marking its 150th anniversary year when a historic Young's brewery horse-drawn dray will deliver a special celebration ale to the station opened in 1868. The visit of the dray and horses will provide a visual link to the station's brewing heritage, its beer barrel based construction and its role through the Midland Railway Company in playing a crucial role in changing Londoners' drinking habits through access to the brewers and beer of Burton upon Trent.

The dray will deliver a cask of 'St Pancras IPA' - commissioned for the anniversary year to The Betjeman Arms pub located under the station's iconic roof. Attending journalists and photographers will have the opportunity to take pictures of the horse-drawn dray inside the station and interview Josie Murray, HS1 Senior Heritage Advisor and Wendy Spinks, Commercial Director of HS1 Ltd about the station's rich heritage and its historic links with the brewing industry.

HS1 Ltd, the company that owns and operates St Pancras International will invite the station's visitors to celebrate the station's 150th anniversary throughout 2018 with a series of further events, exhibitions and installations. 'Celebrate St Pancras - the people, the place, the journey' will showcase themes including the construction and transformation of the station over the centuries, the people of St Pancras, the role of women in the railway industry, the impact of both World Wars, and the numerous travel destinations and trade that the station has supported in its 150 years.

Notes to editors

The St Pancras IPA has been brewed specially for the anniversary year by Lost Rivers Brewing Co. and is available at The Bentjeman Arms Pub and other retail outlets within St Pancras International.

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