

BDRS - PROGRAMME 2017

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Details</u>
11-Jan	THE REOPENING OT THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY	Andy Savage	As the deputy chairman of the WHR, Andy describes his role in bringing the WHR back into operation, particularly specialising in infrastructure works
25-Jan	AGM + THE RAILWAY OF SYRIA	AGM+Doug Cross	The first half will be our AGM. The 2nd half will be member Doug Cross who will give a talk about Syria and Jordan based on two visits in 2004 and 2005
08-Feb	A PASSAGE THROUGH INDIA	Colin Brading	Colin returns to show us his travels through India in 1985 & 2000 and includes a range of lines and gauges as well as the vibrant life of this country
22-Feb	THE HILL RAILWAYS OF GERMANY, SWITZERLAND & INDIA - FROM A TOUR MANAGERS PERSPECTIVE	Alex Green	Alex, brother of Chris Green, worked for Regional railways before privatisation. Since retirement he works for Great Rail Journeys and in this talk he will discuss The Harz mountain railway, Swiss Brienz Rothorn & Bernina express and Shimla, Darjeeling & Nilgiri in India
08-Mar	MANAGING REGIONAL RAILWAYS	Theo Steel	Theo, a former manager of Regional railways before privatisation, describes the formation and the development of this sector of BR during the 1980s
22-Mar	STRICTLY STRALSUND	Richard Green	Richard returns for the 27th time to show members what the overseas group saw on their annual overseas trip, this time to Stralsund in North Germany
12-Apr	RAILWAYS OF THE BALTIC STATES	Tony Olsson	Tony will talk about the railways of the Baltic states(Lithuania,Estonia,Latvia)
26-Apr	RAILWAYS OF GLASGOW & WEST CENTRAL SCOTLAND in the 1980s & 1990s	Robin Ralston	Robin, a Glaswegian, will show us a selection of pictures taken in Glasgow and the surrounding area during the 1980s and 1990s
10-May	CROSSRAIL 'Moving London Forward' <i>Reading & Heathrow-Shenfield & Abbey Wood</i>	Patrick Griffin <i>(insurance & information manager)</i>	Working for CrossRail since 2007 Patrick will describe to us the concept of this major east-west crossing of London including ten new stations in the centre and many more existing stations being upgraded. He will bring us up to date on progress to date and work outstanding on Europe's largest infrastructure project
24-May	RAILWAYS and ART	Professor Mark Casson	Mark will explain some of the techniques used by a number of well known railway artists. These include perspective, reflections and combining road, trams and rail in the same picture.
07-Jun	CHASING CHINA STEAM	Andy Fewster	Committee member Andy shows us a selection of the pictures he has taken of Chinese standard and industrial narrow gauge lines
21-Jun	FURTHER RAMBLINGS OF RAILWAY MEN	Geoff Burch	Geoff returns to give us further anecdotes and pictures from the last days of steam on the Southern Region
12-Jul	GRIPPING YARNS! -LIFE AS A TTI on the SVR	Jim Seaton	Jim, a volunteer on the SVR, will tell us about some of his roles on the railway including travelling ticket inspector. He will give us a brief history and where the railway is going in the future,
26-Jul	HEADCODES, HEADLAMPS & HEADBOARDS	Peter Simmonds	A return visit by Peter who gave a presentation to us a few years ago on the GWR Broad Gauge conversion, this time he gives us his latest talk

09-Aug	AN (incomplete) A-Z of PRE-GROUPING RAILWAY PICTURE POSTCARDS	John Hollands	a return visit by John with a new selection of century or more old images from his collection, this time arranged alphabetically by company, country or subject
23-Aug	SOUTH AFRICA	Norman Hogg	A selection of videos taken over the past 20 years
13-Sep	150 YEARS OF THE LONDON UNDERGROUND	Barry LeJeune	Barry, Chairman of the LT Museum Friends gives us a talk on 150 years of the London Underground system
27-Sep	ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	David Brace	Let's have a good entry of your photographs this year see Newsletter for entry details
11-Oct	A-Z OF BEECHING- AND BEYOND	Gerald Daniels	A selection of pictures by Gerald covering steam pre diesel/electric on BR, Beeching closures and steam from South Africa
25-Oct	"THE WITHERED ARM - A PERSONAL JOURNEY"	Howard Sprenger	A journey over as many of the ex-SR lines west of Exeter as we can in 2 hours Most of the photos are Howard's own and have never been published
08-Nov	RAILWAY HISTORY OF SOUTHAMPTON	Gordon Adams <i>(replaces Ian Foot)</i>	Gordon from the Reading Transport Group gives a presentation on the development of railways in Southampton associated with the development of the Docks under railway ownership.
22-Nov	GOSLING GALAVANTS AGAIN!	Paul Gosling <i>(replaces David Cable)</i>	Long term member Paul brings us up to date with his travels in the UK over the past few years.
06-Dec	A VIEW FROM THE WINDOW- THE RAILWAYS OF SWEDEN	Alan Norris	Alan's talk will include the history of Swedish railways, a look at the current scene and some recent developments of an expanding network
20-Dec	CHRISTMAS FILM & BUFFET THE GREAT ST TRINIAN'S TRAIN ROBBERY		A British film comedy set in the fictional St Trinian's School, filmed on the Longmoor military railway starring Frankie Howard & George Cole. <i>Inluding a 30 minute break for our Christmas buffet.</i>