

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Details</u>
10-Jan	PRINCE OF WALES - BRITAINS MOST POWERFUL STEAM LOCOMOTIVE	Chris Ardy	Chris from the P2 Steam Locomotive Company gives a talk on the building of the 7th member of the P2 class Gresley locomotive. See newsletter article.
24-Jan	AGM followed by THE RAILWAYS OF CHINA = part 2	AGM + Andy Fewster	The first half will be our AGM. The 2nd half will be committee member Andy Fewster who gives the 2nd part of his presentation on steam in China
14-Feb	RAILWAYS & THE RAJ	Christian Wolmar	Award winning writer and broadcaster Christian gives a talk based on his recently published book on Britain, India & Empire
28-Feb	THE SETTLE & CARLISLE RAILWAY	John Harrison	This is the story of England's most spectacular main line railway. The talk brings you glimpses of the line's past and recent history, gathered over many years. Looking at the line's spectacular viaducts and how they were built, and also at its magnificent surroundings,
14-Mar	DISPERSAL FROM DUNKIRK	Peter Tatlow	Peter who gave a talk on Harrow & Wealdstone in 2009 returns to our club, this time he tells what happened when in the early summer of 1940, over a third of a million men were landed on the south-east corner of England in 10 days in what they stood up in? Peter Tatlow whose father was one of those rescued, will describe how the railways organised 'on the hoof' the dispersal of the troops to their restcamps, their despatch on leave and reassembly into fighting units to repel the impending invasion
28-Mar	MULHOUSE MEANDERINGS	Richard Green	Full details to be confirmed nearer the time
11-Apr	RAMBLING RAILWAYMAN'S RECOLLECTIONS	Geoff Burch	Geoff returns for his 3rd visit and his talk follows on from where his first talk left off when he transferred to Woking as a second man. Geoff continues with his stories following the path of his working life at Effingham Junction, Woking and Waterloo training school finally becoming Training design manager with South West Trains
25-Apr	RAILWAY, DOCK & CANAL POLICING	Steve Beamon BA	Steve from the British Transport Police History Group gives a talk on British Transport policing from 1948 to the present day.
09-May	CHILTERN RAILWAYS	Dave Penney	Full details to be confirmed nearer the time
23-May	29 YEARS ON THE NORTH YORK MOORS RAILWAY	Ian Foot	Ian, who has had various roles on the NYMR will give a talk which includes a short history, a description of the line and running to Whitby
13-Jun	THE SEVERN RAILWAY BRIDGE DISASTER OF 1960	Alan Hayward <i>FREng, CEng, FICE, FIStructE</i>	Alan describes the history of the Sharpness bridge, the longest Railway bridge in England, completed in 1879, with particular reference to the mechanism of the disaster.
27-Jun	RIVER KWAI RAILWAY- THE TRUE STORY	Paul Whittle	The talk covers the story of the railway's construction and examines the many differences between actual events and those portrayed in the famous film
11-Jul	AFRICAN ADVENTURE	David Brace	Details to follow

25-Jul			
08-Aug			
22-Aug			
12-Sep	"THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS" - 1966	Geoff Plumb	Geoff visited us in 2016 and gave his presentation on 1967, he now returns and goes back a year to 1966, details of which are to follow
26-Sep	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION		to be confirmed
10-Oct	STEAMING THROUGH SUSSEX	Bill Gage	Tonights speaker has had a life long interest in railways since the age of 3 when he used to ride behind his father's passenger carrying steam locomotives. Tonight's talk includes tales of wind and fire at Bognor Regis, the runaway steam horse at Petworth. Steam on the Petersfield-Midhurst Line, the race of Queen Victoria's train and the eccentric Selsey Tramway. A visit to Hayling Island is also included!
24-Oct 19.30 start	A TOUR DE FRANCE BY NARROW GAUGE	Mike Bunn	Mike visits us for the 3rd time with another of his French presentations This talk covers the rise and fall of the vast network of narrow gauge railways in France and those that have survived into current day public service, preservation and tourist lines.
07-Nov	*		
21-Nov	*		
05-Dec	*		
19-Dec	* CHRISTMAS FILM & BUFFET		to be decided

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays*