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BRANCH SPEAKER NEWS

The North East Branch had a presentation recently from Lee Davies that impressed them so they have asked me to pass on his details.

Lee Davies, our speaker at Newcastle last Thursday, said he was interested in giving his talk, "No Smoke, No Steam, But Plenty of Coal" to other branches. He gives an account of his railway career in the post-steam era from a brief spell in carriage maintenance to his present job as a driver for Cross Country. He uses a PowerPoint interspersed with DVD films showing cab rides of trains he has driven, starting with a Class 47 going to pick up a Speedlink freight working to trip to Warrington Arpley.

If interested, fixtures secretaries can contact him via his e-mail address: lippydavies@blueyonder.co.uk.

Lee lives in Low Fell, a suburb of Gateshead, just south of Newcastle. He did not mention any limit about how far he is prepared to travel to give his talk but would expect to have his overnight accommodation costs covered in a Premier Inn, or hotel of comparable standard. He used Manchester as an example; leaving there soon after 21.00 would mean arriving at home around midnight, so he would stay in a hotel at this distance from his home. He does not charge a fee for his services.