



West Riding Branch

June 2022 Newsletter

As Gavin Morrison, the programmed speaker for the May meeting, was unable to attend Branch Chairman Bill Jagger stepped into the breach to present the second part of his “Looking Back” series of talks that tell of his many railway travels. Grouped into sections the programme told of local happenings in West and East Yorkshire territory to be thus extended to visitations around the historical museums and railways of the Tyne and Wear area. Further afield travels within the UK ventured into Southern and Great Western regions and were well covered, as were in depth details of all that was to be seen in the Isle of Man. Scenes from abroad featured images from Colorado and Wyoming alongside pictures depicting the German overhead monorail Schwebbahn system in Wuppertal plus the railway museum at Mulhouse in France. This wide ranging and fascinating presentation was greatly appreciated by another very well attended meeting.

The final indoor meeting before summer activities to outside areas of interest is to be given by Roger Hepworth, who is a local photographer and a regular visitor at our branch meetings. He has a vast number of photographs from the latter days of steam which focus on action in and around home territory. He often presents at meetings such as ours. This once again promises to be another most interesting presentation. As is usual the meeting will be at Saltaire Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30pm, this coming Thursday 16th June.

In my last communication I made mention of loan of the Society’s nameplate “Falkland Islands” to the Bahamas Locomotive Society who were presented with the plate at a gathering at Ingrow station on 14th May. All of this being in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the conflict in the South Atlantic. Photographs of the formal handing over of the nameplate have appeared in the railway press and will be seen in the July edition of the RO.

I am now pleased to confirm that the outside visit scheduled for the evening of 21st July to the Shipley Glen Tramway has recently been finalised. A starting time somewhere between 6.00-6.30pm has been agreed. Notice of the visit in the RO is likely to say “to be confirmed”. Please be assured that it has most certainly been fully arranged and I hope that we can all look forward to a good turn-out.

It was good to see some of our members at the Worth Valley diesel weekend.

My thanks to all for your continued support.
Best Wishes and Kind Regards
Bob