



## West Riding Branch

### April 2023 Newsletter

Yet again I must apologise for the late circulation of the monthly newsletter, which arises as a consequence of commitments and necessities beyond the sphere of the RCTS although I confess that this has played a small part of the workload. I note, however, that the meeting reports for both the January and February meetings were correctly reported in the April edition of the RO.

Matters at Branch meetings continue on a very consistent and steady level as some twenty-five members and friends were in attendance at the March meeting in order to listen to a programme delivered by Paul Chancellor entitled "A Colour-Rail Journey". Paul is the owner of Colour-Rail who thus has a vast amount of material to put together highly interesting and varied presentations. In respect of this he did not disappoint as the show for the evening was of a very high quality indeed. The compilation was generated to illustrate differing techniques employed by a number of highly rated photographers across a wide-ranging time span. In general images taken in the days of steam were displayed in black and white, whilst colour was used for pictures that described the dieselisation period and beyond. The work of the different photographers was shown displaying widely varying scenes around steam sheds, infrastructure and stations intermingled with scenic lineside features and locomotives of some interest. In and amongst a fair number of photographs from around the West Riding and Yorkshire were to be seen. In summary this was an excellent and top quality showing which was thoroughly enjoyed by another well attended gathering.

Moving forward the next meeting is to be the Annual General Meeting of the Branch, which will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at our traditional Methodist Church venue in Saltaire, commencing at 7.30pm. The business element will cover reports by the Branch Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to be then followed by the election of Officers for another year. All of the current members of the Committee will be standing for re-election. At this time there are two vacancies, one of which is for a Treasurer (as was the case last year) and one for a committee member. Any volunteers would be very welcome.

Following the formalities of the meeting the attending audience is to be entertained via digitised photographic presentations or slides given by some of those at the meeting. A number of members have been approached and there will thus be much to enjoy.

Finally, I trust and hope that as many of you will yet again turn out in support of the AGM, your continuing attendances are greatly appreciated, and I very much look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Bob Green  
Branch Secretary