



West Riding Branch

March 2024 Newsletter

Chairman Bill Jagger was the presenter for a very well attended February meeting when he told of his railway experiences over a five-year period onwards from 2006. Tours abroad described travels through Peru, featuring Lake Titicaca and the highest station in the world alongside very interesting journeys across East and West Germany illustrating the narrow-gauge steam railways of the Harz mountains and the Schwebelbahn monorail suspension system around Wuppertal. A trip across the Grand Canyon in California complemented the variety of the show. Interests in the UK focussed on engineering details of the lines over the Northern hills, in combination with visits to a number of Welsh quarries. Additional trips around the UK embraced several of the preserved railways around the country such as the Severn Valley, Bluebell and East Anglian railways. Local interests included many pictures from the preserved Worth Valley and North Yorkshire Moors Railways. This most excellent and detailed presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

So now for the up-and-coming meeting in March, which is to be the Annual General Meeting. Importantly will be a significant affair as both myself as Secretary and David Beeken as Treasurer are standing down. Nominations for these two positions are still required but any interested member can be nominated at the meeting itself. Whatever the outcome the Branch Committee will debate the matter in detail at a committee meeting which will be held shortly afterwards. Please note that the Branch meetings are programmed through to the end of the summer as has previously been announced.

Following the business element of the meeting the ongoing evening's entertainment is to comprise of members' presentations and anyone who has anything of a photographic nature they believe members would like to see is invited to bring them along. On this occasion, in addition to photographic presentations, any items of railway memorabilia you believe to be of some interest to the members would also be most welcome.

The meeting is to take place on the evening of 21st March at Saltaire Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30pm and I hope that this most important meeting will be well attended.

With thanks for all your support.

Bob Green
Branch Secretary