



WEST RIDING BRANCH

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

It is good to report that yet another indoor meeting was well attended when over 25 members and visitors were entertained by David Tillotson to a show described as “Adventures in Search of Steam”. David is well known to many of our branch members as an organiser of tours and trips to many railway establishments and the showing embraced many pictures taken on those adventures.

Many were the excellent photographs taken of locomotives on wide ranging main line duties (some from the 1960's) complemented by those to be seen at many of the popular preserved railways. Narrow gauge lines in the UK and industrial motive power were well suitably covered and travels abroad took the audience into much of central Europe (i.e. France, Germany, Spain, etc.). On a more world-wide front the focal points were to be the preserved railroads in the USA whilst scenes of Garretts in Zimbabwe and the railways of India broadened the scope of the programme. The vastness of the motive power on show and the quality of the pictures made for an evening of entertainment greatly enjoyed by all.

Notes from centre asks that I urge members to quickly renew their 2023 subscriptions.

News relating to Branch tells that at the recent committee meeting David Beeken (caretaker Treasurer) reported a very healthy financial position and consequently meeting donations will remain as current. Please be reminded that there continues to remain a vacant position to be on the Committee.

The provisional 2023 programme of meetings was discussed, which was broadly accepted and is to include an afternoon meeting – scheduled for early May. It is now virtually complete but awaits confirmation from just one speaker and once this is clarified the details will be circulated around the membership.

As we now move into the latter days of this year the speaker at November's meeting will be Steve Armitage, who is very well known to the Branch for delivering top class presentations covering virtually all areas around the country. On this occasion the title of the show reads as “All things North and Eastern” which will doubtless contain volumes of material, some of which will be from familiar territory, all taken across a wide-ranging timespan. The date is set for 17th November, commencing at 7.30pm, at the usual venue of Saltaire Methodist Church. I look forward to seeing you there.

With my kindest regards and thanks for supporting the Branch in such good numbers.

Bob Green
Branch Secretary.