



West Riding Branch

September 2024 Newsletter

My apologies for this very belated September newsletter which is simply due to the fact that we have been away on holiday enjoying the delights of the railways in Eastern Germany.

The August newsletter indicated that a couple of potential candidates had made it known that they were interested in taking up the positions of Secretary and Treasurer and both have now confirmed that they are willing to take up these positions. Peter Mann is to become Secretary and David Ellis the Treasurer. Each will formally commence their duties at the beginning of November once they have been elected at a short EGM of the Branch which will be held prior to October's meeting. Our appreciative thanks to both for stepping forward and thus keeping the Branch alive. We wish them well.

Peter is currently working on his programme of talks which will commence from the November gathering onwards and as soon as any details become known the information will be communicated to the membership. Peter, himself, is looking for a touch of help in that he would like to have an assistant in the shape of someone to summarise the meetings programme/presentation for onwards publication in "The Railway Observer". Any help would be greatly appreciated. As mentioned above a further Branch meeting has now been arranged for October which, after the formalities of the EGM, will comprise of Branch Chairman Bill Jagger relating more of his railway journeys as he looks back on his fascinating and interesting experiences.

Of some significance 2024 happens to be the 70th anniversary of the West Riding Branch and in recognition of this John Holroyd, as a long serving officer and member of the Branch, has been invited to specially present to the September meeting a photographic record describing in detail much of which has transpired throughout the years. Using his myriads of photographic slides taken over the years he will undoubtedly tell of the many steam tours that were arranged by the Branch in the mid-late 50's and 60's. Due to the holidays of both myself and the narrator (John) the meeting is being held one week later than usual and is thus set for next Thursday – 26th September at our regular venue at Saltaire Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meanwhile it can be reported that on a most pleasant summer evening the outside visit to Bradford Model Engineers went very well. Three locomotives in the guise of a Thompson B1, along with a superb 4-2-0 Crampton and an Underground electric Bo-Bo "Sherlock Holmes" took up the workload on the oval circuit whilst the lengthy woodland circuit was in the hands of a petrol hydraulic 0-6-0 shunter which proved to be very popular. The varied action and attendant catering made this into a delightful evening's entertainment and our thanks go to the Engineers for their efforts in bringing this about.

In closing yet another monthly newsletter my thanks to all for your continued support which I hope, and trust, will continue well into the future.

With my kind regards
Bob