

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Details</u>
09-Jan	A LONDON UNDERGROUND MISCELLANY - PART 1	Paul Joyce	Paul, Chairman of the Reading Transport Group pays a return visit. The evening briefly starts on the cut and cover Metropolitan line then south over the District/LSWR line to Wimbledon. Then finally to the City & South London line/Northern line. In doing so exploring the history briefly and the variety of architecture through time especially so with that of Charles Holden.
23-Jan	A.G.M. followed by MEMBERS PICTORIAL QUIZ	AGM + Committee	The first half will be our Annual General Meeting The 2nd half will be a members quiz set by David Brace and John Clark
30-Jan	ANNUAL DINNER		to be held at Basingstoke Technical College - details in Newsletter
13-Feb	"GRESLEY TO TORNADO"	Alan Hayward	The presentation covers the linking history from Gresley's 1st pacific 'Great Northern' (1470) through Thompson's rebuild of Great Northern as A1 prototype for Peppercorn's development as the A1 class and 'Tornado' (60113). Covering the principle achievements of the LNER CME's Gresley, Thompson & Peppercorn.
27-Feb	THE FIRST FIFTY (FOUR) YEARS OF THE THE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND	Leslie McAllister	You will see how the society began its activities in 1964 and grew into an organisation with its own engineering capability to keep (typically) three locomotives running dozens of steam trains annually on the mainline railways of Ireland. The society with about 1000 members also now runs a museum in Whitehead, Northern Ireland
13-Mar	SIX DECADES OF CHASING TRAINS	Revd Alastair Wood	For over 50 years from the age of 5, Alistair has been photographing trains, initially with his father. Capturing the last years of steam and everything else since then. Along with collecting other work with sole right to use. The collection will provide much memory recollections! Along with Alistair's Railway Folk songs fully illustrated and self penned, you are in for an evening with a difference.
27-Mar	DRESDEN DELIGHTS	Richard Green	Richard Green brings us the story of the Society's 2018 European trip with photographic contributions from all involved
10-Apr	THE NATIONAL RAIL PASSENGER SURVEY AND RESEARCH	David Greeno	David is the Senior Insight Advisor, Transport Focus. This talk will present some findings from the NRPS, including passenger satisfaction results for local stations. The talk will also cover other research including the Waterloo upgrade in 2017
24-Apr	"I MOVED IT MY WAY"	Andrew Goodman	Andrew, Managing director of Moveright International gives a collection of stories and anecdotes accompanied by slides of moving large loads over the last 30 years,
08-May	RAILWAYS AROUND WORLD WAR II 1937-1945	Robin Mathams	Robin Mathams is joint curator for the Sutton Coldfield Railway Society's collection of 1900 photographs of British railways, taken by Percy Moseley from 1913 to 1970 Tonight's presentation is of his photographs taken between 1937 & 1945 including the few he took during the dark years of World War 2. The presentation includes locomotives and trains of all the 'Big Four' railway companies.
22-May	TWENTY YEARS OF CUBA	Richard Coghlan	Richard, a fairly new member to our club gives us a presentation on his yearly trips (almost) to Cuba since 1996!. The show includes digitised slides of the deteriorating railway scene plus a few museums with working steam and also views of Cuban life.
12-Jun	"THE RAILWAY NAVVIES – THEIR FINEST HOUR -- BUILDING THE CRIMEA RAILWAY"	Judy & Chris Rouse (WYVERN RAILWAY ANCESTRY)	Using contemporary sources and illustrations the story is told of two patriotic and well organised railway contractors and their navvies came to the rescue of the British Army bogged down in the Crimea, taking just three months to build a railway from the coast to Sevastapol in the spring of 1855

26-Jun	"FROM RAILWAYS TO ROYALTY"	Jack Boskett <i>(Jack Boskett Media)</i>	A show with something for everyone, a show for the ladies too! Covering classic railway scenes to celebrities and the Queen.
10-Jul	THE EXETER-BARNSTAPLE LINE: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE <i>a return visit by John, last with us in 2016</i>	John Gulliver	But not too far into the past: just the last 30 years or so, years of perceived threats and vigorous and largely successful efforts to overcome them. To a present in which the line is altogether more secure and in many respects successful, yet which still begs many questions. And finally into a future and some of the controversies that need to be resolved as ways forward are determined. An analytical look, with a many illustrations, by one whom this line matters a great deal.
24-Jul	"A LIFE ON RAILS"	Howard Nichols	A personal story of a lifetime travelling the railways of the world. Taking in North & South America Africa, Middle & Far East and Australasia. With previously unpublished photographs.
14-Aug	THE CANADIAN PACIFIC PROJECT	Dr. Becky Peacock	Becky, the Project Supervisor at the Mid Hants Railway gives a talk on the progress of Merchant Navy Class 35005 'Canadian Pacific' 3 year restoration project.
28-Aug	SOUTH AFRICA STEAM-NARROW GAUGE LINES	Norman Hogg	Norman will be looking at the history and development of the 2 ft narrow gauge system in Sth Africa and travelling along the remaining 2 ft gauge railways in the Cape, Natal and on the private run railway on the Sandstone Estate in the Free State.
11-Sep	"SOMETHING OLD, NEW, BORROWED AND BLUE <i>replacing WOOLWICH ARSENAL talk</i>	Revd Alastair Wood	Alastair kindly steps in to repace Ian Bull who has had to cancel. A very broad show of Alastair's new material.
25-Sep	LMS 10000 PROJECT	Mark Walker	Mark from the Ivatt Diesel Re-Creation society gives a presntation on the building of replica LMS diesel locomotive No.10000.
09-Oct	'THE KESR THEN AND NOW'	Doug Lindsay	Doug gives a talk on the history of the Kent & East Sussex Railway, who built it, the independent days, closure under nationalisation and what has been achieved since preservation.
23-Oct	TRACKS IN THE MIST	Colin Brading	Colin, who has visited us before returns with another presentation, this talk includes the Swansea & Mumbles Tramway, Wantage Tramway, Weston, Clevedon & Portishead Tramway
06-Nov	* PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION		Full details are given in the Newsletter nearer the time
20-Nov	* FIFTY YEARS OF CONTINENTAL STEAM	Ian Foot	Ian started his visits abroad in 1968 and has since visited many interesting places in 21 countries in Europe and abroad photographing steam in action. The presentation is in alphabetical order starting with Austria, Jordon in the middle and finishing with West Germany. What lies in between??-Come and find out!!
04-Dec	* OLD DALBY TEST TRACK	Dave Coxon	The first part tells the history of the route from Melton Mowbray to Nottingham from its opening by the Midland Railway in 1879 to its closure in 1966 with numerous pictures of trains before it was a test track. The 2nd part shows varied research and tests which have taken place. These include the APT-E, the nuclear flask test collision and the development of the high-speed pantograph. The line is still well used for testing including the Bombardier 'Aventra' and London Underground 'S' stock.
18-Dec	* CHRISTMAS FILM & BUFFET TRAIN OF EVENTS	Jack Warner & Susan Shaw	A train disaster is told as 4 short stories to give character studies of the people involved, how it will effect them and how they deal with it.

*1st & 3rd Wednesdays