

BDRS - PROGRAMME 2025		11/07/2025	
Date	Title	22	Details
08-Jan	Classic and Modern Image	Terry Foulger	Member Terry and his Son Justin Show Us Some Classic Old and new images from there Collections.
22-Jan	AGM followed by ISLE OF MAN in the 1950s		Your chance to have your say at the AGM followed by a DVD on the Isle of Man in the 1950's, not a railway film but includes many parts of the transport system no longer with us along with other interesting aspects of the Island. DVD courtesy of John Clark.
12-Feb	Eastern European Roundabouts	John Godfrey	This will cover numerous trips during the last 10 years to Eastern Europe including Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary and will be a selection of railway and tram systems together with few anecdotes regarding the trips and securing the shots!!
26-Feb	The Late Frank Saunders Collection	Mike Dodd	The Show will comprise of Black & White images from the 1950's/1960's from the Frank Saunders Collection held by The Restoration & Archiving Trust, The Show includes railway photos mostly from the UK with Coverage of France, Belgium, Spain, Austria And Germany as well. All are taken in the steam age even if a few diesels & Electrics are Included.
12-Mar	PRINCE OF WALES - Brand new steam for the 21st century	Chris Hardy	Following the success of Tornado, the A1 Steam Locomotive trust gives a presentation on the second build project, this time a Gresley P2 class. Both engines are based on the original class designs, but adapted for the modern railway, making them no so much a replica as a next in their class.
26-Mar	Steam Photo Charters	Stephen Bigley	<i>"The emphasis is on "Photo" - the point of the charter is to go to various locations along a line (such as the Mid Hants) and photograph the train and particularly the locomotive in various different settings. The organiser has more or less a free run about where to get off to take the shots by way of a series of runpasts so we can try both sides of the line"</i>
09-Apr	Swiss Standard Gauge	Neil Kearns	The Show will be Swiss Standard Gauge in the 1980's, 2013 and 2023. It will include quite a few rail tours in the 1980's including an international one and a steam rail car on a private line near Zurich. Somewhere in the mix will be industrial steam serving a brewery and a steelworks. If there is space maybe paddlesteamers as well, Operated by a railway company
23-Apr	BDRS TRIP TO YORK	Tony Wright	BDRS Annual Slide Show of York Trip 2024
14-May	Class 701 Arterio Fleet	Neil Drury	The Engineering & Infrastructure manager of South Western Railway gives us a presentation on this new fleet of trains
28-May	GOSLING'S GALAVANTS in 2024	Paul Gosling	Another Exciting Years travels where has Paul Been This Year

11-Jun	West Somerset Railway - An Overview.	Joseph Rogers	The West Somerset Railway is England's longest heritage railway, covering over 20 miles from near Taunton down to the north Somerset coastline at Minehead. Since 1862, the railway has had a varied history through many eras of operation and ownership and is today one of the biggest tourist attractions in the county. Joseph Rogers is a former employee of the railway and current volunteer who has assisted the Commercial Department of the railway since 2018. He is also the author of <i>Railway Enthusiasm in Twenty-first-century Britain</i> book
25-Jun	To A Mountain in Tibet	Geoff Saunders	Travelling overland through China in 2002, I learned of the construction of the railway to Lhasa and determined that I would take that train. Construction delays and political upheavals prevented me making the journey until 2014. The mountain in question is, of course, Everest. Though the railway does not itself go there, the journey from Nepal took in the North base camp and continued to Lhasa where I boarded the train. Two days later, having crossed the highest railway pass in the world, I arrived at Chengdu, with its Giant Pandas, continuing by train through southern China to Hong Kong. History, geography, nature and politics all feature in the talk.
09-Jul	The Liberation Line	Christian Wolmar	My new book, The Liberation Line, the story of the railwaymen who rebuilt the railways in Europe after D Day and helped shorten the war, is now out. For a signed copy, email me and I will provide bank details or you can order through Amazon
23-Jul	The Life and History Of Seaton Tramway	Clem Fallows	Clem a volunteer Tram Driver on the Seaton Tramway will give us a Talk on the Life and History of the Seaton Tramway and its fleet of trams also the route the tramway takes
13-Aug	The Great Northern Railway & Kings Cross Station	Raymond Schofield	'York was the gateway to the north and just 2 years after the London & Birmingham Rly - Britain's first mainline, opened; York was connected to the rail network. The route, from Euston via Rugby, Leicester and Derby was 40ml. longer than the A1 road. Twelve years later in 1852 a new direct route from King's Cross opened. Built on the site of a former smallpox hospital and allegedly Boudicca's grave, this offering tells the story and journeys the route with steam locomotion"

27-Aug	Railways Around Dawlish	Philip Haines	My presentation entitled 'A Dawlish Journey' will start with shots of steam locos around Dawlish in the late 50's / early 60's then look at the Hydraulic era during the late 60's / early 70's before moving on to the Diesel Electrics in the 80's. We then look at Hi8 video sequences taken in 1998 and conclude with digital footage taken in 2023. The presentation is divided into 4 parts, the first looking at early shots then two parts looking at 1998 footage and the last part the 2023 footage.
10-Sep	A History of DMU'S	Colin Boocock	was launched in early 2013 and covers all types of diesel railcars and multiple units that have ever operated on the main line railways in the British Isles. The history starts on the LMS in 1927 and leads through a number of blind alleys before following the development of GWR railcars and their successors in Ireland. The sheer variety of early diesel railcars is surprising. British Railways' first and second-generation DMUs appear, as do more modern types in the UK and Ireland. Privatisation brought further UK developments leading to the longest and the fastest diesel units on our system. Be surprised at the sheer variety, and the complexity of DMU history, made clear in this fascinating show.
24-Sep	The Hampshire Community Rail Partnership	Mark Miller	I shall provide a summary and presentation on the development of Hampshire Community Rail Partnership over the past 3 years. This will include its structure, geographical reach, officers, relationship with the rail industry and of course activities which range from gardening, art installations, rail - bus integration, travel training, service and infrastructure development and redundant railway room redevelopment.
08-Oct	Railway 200: The British Railway Engineering Revolution	Richard Marks	Prepare to be whisked through two centuries of relentless ingenuity, industrial drama, and mechanical marvels. This talk traces the thrilling evolution of railway locomotives—from the hissing pioneers of the steam age to the whispering precision of today's AI-guided electric fleets. Railway locomotive engineering has changed dramatically since Richard Trevithick's first steam engine hissed its way down the Penydarren Tramway, although not every advance was successful and many proved to be dead ends. This talk, by industrial and railway historian Dr Richard Marks explores the good, the bad and the indifferent developments of Britain's railways'

22-Oct	Trains and Mountains in the 21st Century	Ian Francis	This Meeting will focus on my visits to mountainous countries during my visits with BDRS and Great Rail Journeys over the last 25 years this will include images from Canada, USA, Norway, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland for both the main line and Mountain Railways
12-Nov	Mixed Railways Slides Talk	Martin Davies	This Meeting will be a Mixed Railways Talk by a very good friend of Paul's and Ryan's . It is always a surprise what slides Martin is going to show
26-Nov	Commercial Film Show	Ian Clare	A Film show by member Ian Clare
10-Dec	CHRISTMAS FILM and BUFFET		Program to be confirmed