

BDRS - PROGRAMME 2026		11/10/2025	
Date	Title	Speaker	Details
14-Jan	Classic and Modern Image	Terry Foulger	Member Terry and his Son Justin Show Us Some Classic Old and new images from there Collections.
28-Jan	AGM followed by The Railways of Porto and the Douro Valley	Tony Wright	Your chance to have your say at the AGM followed by a talk by Tony Wright The Society Newsletter recently featured articles by David Brace about his trips to the Porto area. In September this year Tony had the opportunity to visit Porto for the first time and his presentation will take a look at what can now be seen on the railways in this beautiful area.
11-Feb	Even more Old, New, Borrowed and Blue.	Alastair Wood	After a two year gap, an opportunity to catch up with all new material travelling through time and around the country from Alastair personal and archive collection.
25-Feb	A To Z of Swiss Railways Part 1	Steve Ollive	In the first of three parts describing the Railways of Switzerland, I will cover the major operators (SBB, BLS and SOB), look briefly and freight and infrastructure operators and then cover the Private Railways from A to C inclusive, starting with the Appenzeller Bahnen and ending with the Chemins de Fer du Jura. I will give a brief overview of the history of the railway and a map of the route, followed by some 21 st Century photographs of the rolling stock, along with any updates about changes to the stock.
11-Mar	Railways Of Hampshire	Stephen Bigley	"Hampshire was never a heavily industrialised county so it never had horse-drawn waggon ways but the railway came fairly early with the London & Southampton Railway in the late 1830s to serve the newly developed Southampton Docks. Gradually the network developed almost entirely under the auspices of the London & South Western Railway . We will be looking at stations, bridges, and everything else that makes up the railway including some remains of the Didcot Newbury & Southampton Railway. There will also be a few trains"
25-Mar	Steam Loco Photo's from the 1960's to present day UK, Europe,China and U.S.A.	Chris Ardy	<i>The first part of the show is photos from trainspotting in the 1960's around the uk to preserved and new Steam in the 2000's. The second half of the show is photos from europe in the 1960's to more recent years , China in 2003 and the U.S.A and Cuba in the 2000's .</i>

08-Apr	Before they were Preserved	Richard Coghlan	We can all take pictures of preserved locos, trains and stations now, but this show consists of pictures of these preserved locos at work before they were even considered for preservation, and some of the preserved stations.'
22-Apr	At Work	John Hollands	John will draw on images from his collection of railway picture postcards that date from the early twentieth century onwards. Each image will feature one or more workers carrying out a wide variety of roles.
13-May	GOSLING'S GALAVANTS in 2025	Paul Gosling	Another Exciting Years travels where has Paul Been This Year
27-May	Western Canada in 1981 / 2016	Neil Kearns	Western Canada is an enthusiast view of the railways of Western Canada with an excursion south of the border to Seattle. There is a certain level of inside knowledge as I have friends in Canada who worked for Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and regional lines. You don't need to know the difference between an F7A and a F9A or between a SD40-2 and a SD70MAC. For the steam section of the audience there is some mainline steam and an explanation of how mainline steam in British Columbia was stifled by political interference. Vancouver had a network of tram routes and inter urban trans and we will have a look at those as well as the trolleybuses which were the replacements.
10-Jun			
24-Jun			
08-Jul			
22-Jul			
12-Aug	The Great Central Railway	Raymond Schofield	The Great Central Railway and Marylebone Station was London's last main line. It opened with great gusto in 1899 using the selling point "Rapid Travel in Luxury". The railway had its origins in the 1841 <i>Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne & Manchester Railway</i>, with its 3 mile Woodhead Tunnel under the Pennines. By 1847, with amalgamations, it became the <i>Manchester, Sheffield & Lincolnshire Railway</i>, a very successful coast to coast provincial line centred on Sheffield and Mexborough. It was the 'London Extension' and change of name to the Great Central that brought the line to national significance. Ray takes us on a journey using his own and purchased material commencing at Marylebone then covering tracks to Grimsby in the east and Wrexham, Wales, in the west. It has been said more than once that "the GC was more about Mexborough than Marylebone" and so it was as Ray will relate.
26-Aug			
09-Sep			

23-Sep	Hanging around in Germany	Colin Boocock	This presentation centres on not one but two examples of the hanging monorails known as Schwebebahnen. The well-known one at Wuppertal is described in some well-illustrated detail from one end to the other of its 13 or so kilometres' journey along and above the Wupper valley. Its survival confirms it as a very busy and valuable transport system. The other example is elsewhere and has a different purpose, but is also very unusual, probably unique. The show concludes with a summary of the many railway and shipping interests around Dresden.
14-Oct			
28-Oct	To Be Confirmed Name Of Talk	John Godfrey	To Follow at a later Date
11-Nov			
25-Nov			
09-Dec	CHRISTMAS FILM and BUFFET		Program to be confirmed