



North Western Area 2011/12 Meetings Programme (As revised Nov 2011)

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MANCHESTER

Meetings held on Saturdays at 1400 in The Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS.
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| 2011 | October 1 | Stephen Cornish | The Railway Career of a Career Railwayman
<i>Stephen will describe the belt-and-braces railway work of his early career (Guide Bridge, Woodhead line, Buxton) and BR Board work, and also the last 10 years (with Railtrack/Network Rail) as manager for all special traffic on the network - charter trains, steam trains, Orient Express, the Royal Train etc.</i> |
| | November 5 | Mike Crabtree, I.Eng., M.I.E.T. | The Great Orme Tramway, Llandudno – a History of the Line
<i>An illustrated talk describing the history of the line and a description of how the line has been rejuvenated to meet the challenges of operating in the 21st century.</i> |
| | December 3 | Malcolm Dickin | THE CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ |
| 2012 | January 21 | Area A G M followed by:
Professor Colin Divall | Down the American Road? Industrial Research on the LMS, 1923-1947
<i>The Big Four are often criticised for an over-reliance on traditional forms of engineering. However by the late 1930s the LMS had developed a sizeable Research Department dealing with a wide range of technical problems. This talk examines the Department's origins and activities, and asks how successful it was</i> |
| | February 18 | Bob Barnard | The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway – Then & Now
<i>From 1898 this well-equipped 2 foot gauge line climbed into the foothills of Exmoor, initially independent but later under the Southern Railway, until its sudden closure in 1935. Since 2004, trains have run on a section again. Bob Barnard, a local L&B enthusiast and North West group organiser, will tell the line's story in pictures old and new.</i> |
| | March 17 | Ken Grainger | Rhapsody in Blue – The Great Northern Railway of Ireland
<i>A whistle-stop tour, in colour, of the Great Northern network, mainly by steam but also including not unattractive diesel railcars and delightful half-cab railbuses, as well as the Hill of Howth open-top electric trams and not forgetting the immortal horse-drawn Fintona tram.</i> |

SOUTH LAKELAND

Meetings are held on Thursdays (unless otherwise shown) at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm at the St. John Ambulance Centre, Sandes Avenue, Kendal. Further information from the Centre Secretary, Eric Bartlett, 4, Empsom Road, Kendal LA9 5PS Tel: 01539 720706 or e-mail: ericjbartlett@btinternet.com

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| 2011 | October 6 | J Young | Twixt Tyne and Tees |
| | November 3 | P Thickett | Episodes from my career on the railway |
| | December 1 | D Alison | Recent railway rambles |
| 2012 | January 5 | A Hart | Local steam at its peak (B/f from April) |
| | February 2 | MEMBERS' EVENING | |
| | March 1 | T Heavside | On narrow gauge tracks |
| | April 12 | G Biddle | Sir William Tite and the Lancaster & Carlisle Railway (C/f from January) |
| | May 12 SATURDAY | Outdoor visit | |

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