

Friends of the National Railway Museum Evening Meetings in York - Programme for 2016 – 2017

SLS Members welcome to attend - Meetings are held in the Evening Star Theatre, starting at 7.30pm. The Car Park Entrance will be open at 6.30pm and tea and coffee will be available on arrival. Admission for non FNRM members must be booked in advance by contacting David Thomas (tel: 01904 744450 or e-mail: jdavidthomas@btinternet.com). The cost is £3 per person per meeting.

20 September 2016 ***Collections & Research at the NRM: Challenges
and Opportunities*** **Andrew McLean**

This overview from our Head Curator will also look at recent acquisitions and discoveries as well as prospects for the future regarding collecting, conservation, restoration and, of course, the masterplan.

11 October 2016 ***Principles of Signalling*** **Phil Graham**

Phil charts the development of signalling in the UK and focuses on those methods of working that are still in operation today.

8 November 2016 - *Crossrail – Delivering the Railway Infrastructure* Matthew Slade
Since our first talk from civil engineering consultants Arup, on the delivery of the tunnels for Crossrail, Alstom Transport are now installing the permanent track and associated 'Systemwide' infrastructure. To do this they have designed and built some bespoke machinery to help construct these systems in this environment. Matthew will talk about the systems being installed and the machines they are using.

13 December 2016 ***Railways Remembered – Towards the 70s*** **Rob Foxon**
Christmas films and Buffet Dinner Details and booking form will be in the Autumn Review

10 January 2017 ***Steam in and around York - Part 2*** **Chris Nettleton**
A further selection of photographs and film illustrating the wide variety of steam locomotives and trains operating in and from this important railway centre between 1900 and 1968.

14 February 2017 ***SNCF Classic Diesel Swansong*** **Duncan Mcevoy**
Duncan's quality photography shows classic SNCF diesels at work at the end of their long careers. We shall see them hauling classic Corail stock in the Valle du Somme, across the Marias Poitevan and through the lush countryside of the French Compté, hauling freight in the Auvergne and on Clermeont Ferand outer suburban duties

14 March 2017 - *More Confessions of a Narrow Minded Enthusiast* - Colin Brading
The sequel! Perhaps not quite so narrow minded, as this picks up the story where Part 1 leaves off and therefore looks at the 'bigger' narrow gauge railways from 18" upwards – including the world renowned Welsh lines, of course, but there is a great deal more! Great little railways of the past, present and future.

11 April 2017 ***The Railway Company Seals of the British Isles - hunting
for these intriguing artefacts*** **Miles Macnair**

These small, engraved steel discs may not be the most glamorous items in the NRM collection, but are of great historical importance because in many cases they are the only surviving artefacts of long forgotten enterprises. How many were there? And how many have survived? This illustrated talk presents the results of a 16 year research programme seeking the answers in museums and private collections throughout the UK and Ireland.