

Irwell Vale Railway Photographers 2021-2022

Irwell Vale Methodist Church, Bowker St. BL0 0QP, off the B6257

16th October: Victor Drake: The Collection of the Rev. Bearpark

John Bearpark was an active railway photographer 1948 – 1968 starting in West Yorkshire. Later on he was in the Oxford and Lincoln areas. He photographed railway scenes in B&W from the birth of British Railways until the end of steam.

20th November: Steve Armitage: The Collections of Les Hanson, Ken Widd and Stephen Barrett

Les was active in the 1930's to 1950's and was keen to capture Victorian era locos that were gradually disappearing. Ken Widd photographed 1950's BR from all regions, with an emphasis on ex-Great Central and CLC routes. For Stephen Barrett it was All about York and it's area from the late Victorian era to BR steam & diesel days, an incredibly diverse selection. Nearly all of the images are previously unseen or not seen for several decades. Wonderful stuff!

11th December: David Price: Routes from Inverness

A look at the routes from Inverness, steam and diesel on the Kyle, Far North, Highland Main Line and Aberdeen lines over the last 40 years or so.

15th January: John Leck: Steam Done My Way

John needs no introduction to our members having given many shows over the years. This is guaranteed to be an excellent show and John tries to get away from the front ¾ format, so there will be some different locations and angles giving us all food for thought.

19th February: Dave Fowler: BR steam's final years in the North West

Covering the following locations/areas:

Ribble sidings to Farington Curve Junction, including the last summer of the Stanier Pacifics
Merseyside: Birkenhead and Edge Hill Sheds, the Bidston Ore Terminal, Lime St and Exchange stations, Birkenhead Woodside station. Manchester Victoria and Exchange. Preston Dock
East Lancs in 1965-68: Blackburn, Rose Grove; the last years of the West Yorkshire-Fylde Coast excursions with the last of the Jubilees.

19th March: John Sloane: Steam in Russia and the Ukraine

John is a member of the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society and boy, has he travelled! The Russian Caucasus and part of Ukraine in the 1990's are covered in this show The tours included what remained of Soviet steam in these areas including main line, industrial and narrow gauge steam.

There will also be some diesel and electric images.

Shows start at 7:30pm, entrance is through the tearoom at the side of the church. £4 for the show. Refreshments are available during the interval including pie and peas and hot drinks. The proceeds from the shows go to church funds.

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