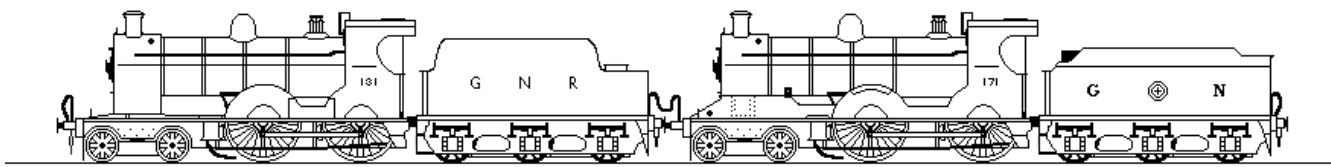


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BELFAST MEETINGS

Parke Hall, Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh Road, Belfast

Wednesday 10 October 2018

The Newry to Armagh railway

Philip Donald presents the history of this long-abandoned line and details the tragic events of 1889 which led to immediate worldwide changes in railway management and procedures.

Steam around Goraghowood

Joe Cassells uses pictures by the late Des Fitzgerald to recall the last days of steam on this part of the main line when a variety of GN locos shared turns with NCC Moguls and Jeeps.

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Irish Ambulance Trains in the Great War

Charles Friel marks the centenary of the Armistice with this review of the life and times of two Irish Ambulance Trains - one based in Dublin and one in Belfast - which roamed the system to bring home casualties from the conflict in Europe. Includes many previously unpublished photographs and diagrams of these almost-forgotten trains - and some very recent discoveries.

Wednesday 12 December 2018

Architecture of the GNR(I)

Siobhan Osgood reviews the evolving styles of architecture used across the GNR(I)'s network with photographs and digitised original drawings from the IRRS archive.

Building for the future

Peter Scott brings us up to date with the challenges and achievements at Whitehead of providing a spare boiler for Jeep No 4 - and the possibility of having an NCC Mogul on our books. Find out more!

Wednesday 9 January 2019

Macha Film Studios presents

John Friel shares some vintage footage of steam trains in Ireland including Sunday School excursions from Portadown to Portrush in 1966, and RPSI railtours - the *Killultagh* of 1967 and the *Slieve Cualann* of 1968 - to the last NIR steam-worked passenger trains on the Larne line in 1969. From more recent years, we go behind the scenes with footage of Society steam on the main line - all the way from humble ballast workings to a Royal Train!

Wednesday 13 February 2019

Irish Port, Harbour and Military Railways

Andrew Waldron returns to share a treasure trove of previously-unpublished pictures of many lines which did much valuable work, often away from the glamour of the main line and using fascinating machines in rarely-photographed locations. From the dual-gauged lines of Londonderry and the lines needed to develop Belfast Harbour through many of the short lines around our coast to how the military authorities used railways throughout Ireland.

Wednesday 13 March 2019

The End of an Era

Derek Young looks back to the changing world of the Ulster Transport Authority in the 1960s when steam was being replaced by diesel. But, in the face of reduced maintenance and threats of closure, the old spirit lived on, old standards were maintained and there was still much to relish and enjoy on a busy railway before a way of life was swept away.

All meetings are fully illustrated on the large screen and include a Society news update

All meetings open to non-members - Free admission with a retiring collection

Interval for tea and coffee - Huge railway sales table - BT5 6BH in your sat-nav

All meetings start at 7.30pm sharp and finish by 10.00pm

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