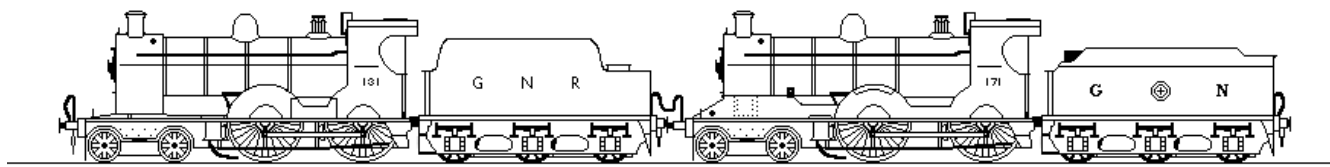


# RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

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## BELFAST MEETINGS

Main Hall, Orangefield Presbyterian Church, 464 Castlereagh Road, Belfast BT5 6BH

*Wednesday 9 October 2019*

### **The Glenariff Mineral Railway**

**Steve Flanders** uses only primary resource material to set the record straight in his newly-published history of a remarkable but short-lived Victorian enterprise which was crucial to Irish narrow gauge development.

### **More banking by train**

**John Richardson** shares more reminiscences of the highs, the lows, and the often hilarious, as a peripatetic Northern Bank clerk in the 1960s when an interest in trains was a welcome diversion from boring ledgers.

*Wednesday 13 November 2019*

**Please note - unavoidable programme change**

### **The Belfast and County Down Revisited**

**Patrick Davey** leads a personal tour of all of the former BCDR - from heydays and last days to lifting and preservation - plus some of his own modelling.

### **Railway Graves**

**Peter McCabe**, a local taphophile (look it up!), presents a virtual tour of the final resting places of many people associated with our local railways, including the legendary Berkeley Deane Wise.

*Wednesday 11 December 2019*

### **The Wee Donegal in pictures**

**Charles Friel** marks the sixtieth anniversary of the closure of this much-loved narrow gauge system - the largest in these islands - which linked Stranorlar to Strabane, Victoria Road, Letterkenny, Glenties, Killybegs and Ballyshannon. See again the steam-worked goods trains, the legendary excursions battling through the Barnesmore Gap, the lively railcars, the stations and level crossings - all set in spectacular Donegal scenery. And discover how the story did not end in 1959!

*Wednesday 8 January 2020*

### **Our Daily Bread - another slice**

**James Davidson** brings us the story of how local bakeries used railways - and not just to get their varied produce overnight to many stations across Northern Ireland; includes many previously unseen pictures.

### **The BBC archives revisited**

**Ian Sinclair** with more excerpts from local BBC radio and television programmes, both regular programmes and one-off features, which explored the local railway scene; many from a more innocent time and with some voices that are no longer with us.

*Wednesday 12 February 2020*

### **The Derry Road remembered**

**Jim Donaghy** recreates a journey along the Great Northern line from Portadown to Londonderry Foyle Road through Dungannon, Omagh, and Strabane as well as the branches to Coalisland and Omagh Market which was closed 55 years ago this month. Includes many previously unpublished photographs by the late Des FitzGerald and others. It is time to stir the memories and tell some of the stories that can only now be told!

*Wednesday 11 March 2020*

### **Graham Hoare's Irish railway photographs**

**Roger Joanes**, himself a frequent visitor since 1959, presents pictures by his late friend Graham Hoare who travelled extensively in Ireland between 1956 and 1964 and took a special interest in lines and stations then threatened with closure - Timoleague, Tomkin Road and Trillick or old favourites like Fintona and Killybegs among very many others. A fitting end to our season.

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

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

**Meetings start at 7.30pm sharp and finish by 10.00pm - Venue is fully wheelchair-friendly**

**Interval for tea and coffee - Huge railway-related sales table**

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