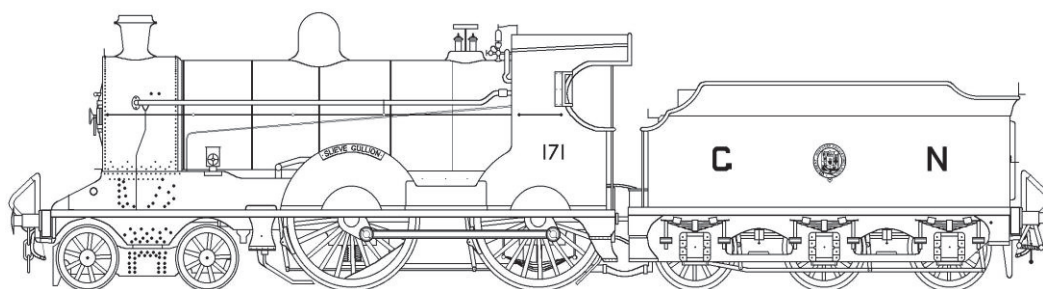


# RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

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## BELFAST MEETINGS

Parke Hall, Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh Road, Belfast BT5 6BH

**Wednesday 8 October 2025**

**Castleberg and Victoria Bridge Tramway**

**Charles Friel** reviews this three foot gauge roadside tramway in West Tyrone and its operations. Although only seven miles long, the line had both Ireland's first internal combustion railcar and its first diesel locomotive. Included will be what happened to some of the rolling stock after the line's closure in 1933. You might be surprised!

**Wednesday 12 November 2025**

**Translink NI Railways – Better Connected Today and Tomorrow.**

**Ian Campbell, Director of Service Operations**, outlines the recent developments that have seen significant passenger growth on the NIR network and the plans to further grow and sustain rail services in the short, medium and long term. The presentation will include an analysis of the current rail network, Belfast Grand Central Station, Cross Border Rail, new fleet programmes, infrastructure, decarbonisation of the railway and the network development strategy.

**Wednesday 10 December 2025**

**More Travels with Mac**

**Michael McMahon** brings us on another ramble across the island with more pictures from the late R M (Mac) Arnold who travelled widely between the end of the Second World War and the early 1970s to experience, time and photograph steam workings in every county in Ireland – and always with an eye for the quirky and the unusual.

**Wednesday 14 January 2026**

**Greenore**

**John Martin** brings us the story of the roles played by the Dundalk, Newry and Greenore Railway and the London and North Western Railway in the life of this historic port with its busy passenger, goods and cattle traffic to and from Holyhead and its important connections to London.

**Wednesday 11 February 2026**

**Belfast Great Victoria Street remembered**

**Robert White** continues his review of this recently lost terminus. From a Royal Train through a vast array of steam and diesel workings, changes in exterior and interior architecture, layout and signalling to the long, sad rundown to closure in 1976. Despite the UTA takeover, the place remained essentially Great Northern to the end.

**Wednesday 11 March 2026**

**A Donegal Double**

**Joe Begley** uses many never previously published pictures to cover both of County Donegal's narrow gauge lines with 'The Building of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly's Burtonport Extension' and 'The Last Days of the Wee Donegal'. The latter is seen in the rarely-seen colour slides of David Soggee.

**Wednesday 1 April 2026**

**With Lance King in Ireland – 1958 to 1970**

**Leslie McAllister** pays tribute to his late friend who faithfully recorded, in colour, the last steam on CIE's branch lines and in the Dublin area before capturing steam's last days on former GNR and NCC lines. With many exquisite scenes seldom seen in public and a great way to end our extended season.

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

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

Open to non-members - Free admission with a retiring collection

Venue is fully wheelchair-friendly

Interval for tea and coffee - Huge railway sales table

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