

# LEEDS TRANSPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## *Season's Greetings*

Very shortly the festive season will be upon us and we trust you will have a joyous time over the next few weeks. News Sheet 188 should be out in February. Meanwhile, the Compliments of the Season to all from your Committee,

*Ian, Jamie, Tony, Jim, Mike, Mel & Malcolm*

### **FORTHCOMING L.T.H.S. MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Meetings are held at Richmond Hill Community Club, Railway Street, Leeds, LS9 8HB, 1930 for 2000

Mon. 14 Nov. **Southern Railways** Paul Abell

Mon. 12 Dec. **British Trams and Buses**

Ian Dougill

Mon. 9 Jan. **Members' slides and video** - Please bring along your own contribution

Mon. 8 Feb. **Railway photos from the camera of Brian Crowther** Jamie Guest

### **OTHER LOCAL MEETINGS & COMING EVENTS**

#### **November**

Tue. 15 (LRTA) **Leeds Trams** Ian Dougill

Fri. 18- Sun. 20 **Wakefield MRS Show** at Thornes Park Stadium, Wakefield

#### **December**

Thu. 1 (NGRS) Members evening – with festive refreshments

Tue. 6 (MRT) **Christmas Quiz** Team Dobson

Tue. 20 (LRTA) **Tramway Odds and Ends**

Mel Reuben

#### **January**

Tue. 3 (MRT) **Travels in 2016** Ian Dobson

Thu. 5 (NGRS) **AGM & Threatened Narrow Gauge Railways of India** David Barker

Sat. 14 **Rail/Bus Collectors' Fair**, Pudsey Civic Hall, 10-3.00, £2 Barry Rennison (0113 2363695)

Tue. 17 (LRTA) **Tramway Cine Show** Tony Wilson

#### **February**

Thu. 2 (NGRS) **John Snell - photographer**

Anthony Lambert & Peter Lemmey

Tue. 7 (MRT) **Travels in 2016** Andrew Johnson

Tue. 21 (LRTA) **Traction for Tramways** Paul Abell

### **Groups, Meeting Places & Times**

**MRT** Middleton Railway Trust, The Engine House, Moor Road, Hunslet, 1930. No charge, refreshments on sale.

**LRTA** Light Rail Transit Association, Committee Room No. 5, Civic Hall, 1900. collection £1.

**NGRS** Narrow Gauge Railway Society, Yorkshire Area, The Epicentre, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, 7.15 for 7.30. Collection £2.

### **SOCIETY VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM**

Our proposed visit to Nottingham on 17 September was well supported, despite the clash with the LRTA's AGM in Birmingham.

As planned, the group met up on Leeds Platform 17B around 0900 and boarded the waiting Nottingham train. Two hours later we made our way up to the tram stop at Nottingham Station, where Chris Thornburn was waiting for us, clutching a large carrier bag.

As Chris had driven up from Birmingham and parked at Clifton Moor, it was ironic that the first tram to arrive took us all there! After a photo break, we proceeded back towards Nottingham and changed on to a Toton Lane tram.

Another photo break and we rode through the city centre to Hucknall. Next was the Phoenix Park branch, after which most of the party alighted at Wilkinson Street to try and photograph the depot.

As the day had gone well time-wise, we returned to Nottingham station for the 16.17 train, an hour earlier than planned. The journey back to Leeds was enlivened by looking through the many photographs and relics that Chris had brought in his bag and handed over, making preliminary decisions what to do with them.

It has been suggested that our 2017 "expedition" should be to Croydon. Watch these pages for dates.

### **SALES STAND**

As usual, the LTHS had a sales stand at the Leeds Model Railway Society's annual exhibition at the Grammar School. Sadly the date clashed with the Samuel Ledgard Society's fair at Pudsey. Although somewhat away from the main part of the exhibition, Peter Malone's display of tram and bus models prompted much interest. Peter has now decided that a continuous-run layout would be preferable to the simple end-to-end street scene he provided.

Sales were fairly slow, although we did sell out of the Online "Leeds Trams" DVD, taking around £200 in total. Many of Chris Thornburn's duplicate Leeds tram photos were on offer at £1 each, while quite a number of the railway ones sold to modellers at 25p.

The next sales stand will be at the Transport Collectors' Fair at Pudsey Civic Hall on Saturday 14 January.

## WHERE'S THAT BUS?

As usual, let's start with some answers to our last issue's puzzles.



Daimler 113 on the No.11 had quite a few of us foxed. Many thought it was York Street, with Marsh Lane station in the background. Clever detective work by Chris Spring identified the location as the bottom of Tong Road, Turnbull's Removals and Excelsior Radiators being on Oldfield Lane.



Regent V 970 on the 53 is in Meadow Lane, heading south from Christ Church at the corner of Great

Now for the next batch from Chris Spring's "bag of goodies", all of which seem to be AEC Regent III's.

First off, M.C.C.W. bodied 756 on the 59 Circular route.

We have a good idea where this is, but the scene has changed completely.

What do you think?

[photo: A.B.Cross]



Wilson Street. This area was notable for the pungent aroma of gas due to the NEGB gasworks behind the buildings on the right.



Regent V 908 is seen on Burley Road, with the Hyde Park Road junction visible in the background. Note the tram pole still in use for street lighting.



The last one continues to baffle us, so sorry all of you who hoped for an answer. Anybody care to try again?



Next up is slightly older Weymann-bodied Regent III 654 on the No.7 to North Lane. This route ran from Hunslet to Eden Drive, but the destination was never updated after the extension from North Lane. There is a West Riding bus in the background, so it should be pretty easy to locate. Once more, everything here has changed. [R.F.Mack]

Roe-bodied Regent III 635 on the 35 route inbound. Obviously this location was changing even as the photographer took the shot. Any guesses? (Or maybe you know)  
[Travel Lens Photographic]



Last one for this issue, another Roe-bodied Regent III on the 50 to Horsforth. This is obviously a newly-developed area, so it might be little changed today. There are tram poles in use for the street lights, so that should narrow it down.

[A.B. Cross]

## BOOK CELLARS WANTED

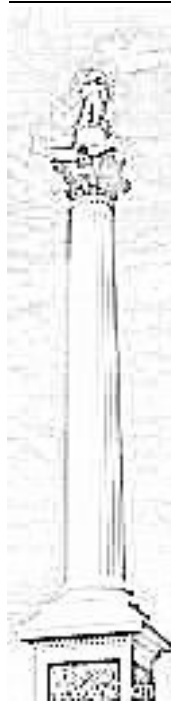
Can any member(s) offer storage space for some of the Society's stock of books?

Most of our stock of *Leeds Transport* (Vols. 1-5) and *Leeds Transport on Postcards* is shared around members' homes and church rooms. One pallet of Volume 5 is still at the printer's, and we are paying storage charges on it. Add to that, Volume 6 is in preparation, together with a second postcard book and an album of Leeds trams in colour, featuring Jim Soper's expertly tinted old photographs and it is clear that more storage will soon be needed. Add to that the fact that Jamie Guest is soon moving to France, so his house and church will cease to be available. We are not asking anybody to take on huge volumes of volumes (Brian Parkin's house used to be full of them). The books are in manageable boxes or parcels, and will fit in a relatively small space. However it needs to be dry and secure. They are the reserve stock, so only needed to replenish the normal sales stock held by the Book Sales officer.

If you have room for even a couple of parcels, please let Jamie know (address & phone number below).

## CHARLIE'S COLUMN

Charlie Watson



The following events took place over 40 years ago, so if some facts are hazy the fault is mine.

In 1972 my Uncle Barrie got a new job which required his section of the family Watson to move to Leeds (Garforth).

Soon after, Dad suggested a trip to Uncle Barrie's, so the Mk.I Escort van set off along the (unfinished) M62 and after a slow, uncomfortable journey, Garforth was reached. After the adults had talked for a time, Uncle Barrie suggested he show us around Leeds. During this trip, I remember going past a large power station (I know now Skelton Grange) and seeing my first pithead gear nearby. This was all jolly good fun but then **IT** happened.

We pulled up at a junction and this massive green bus roared past.

Never seen anything like it before - rear engine and going like a bullet. It made such an impression on me I can still see it now in my mind. As we travelled along what Uncle called the "Ring Road" (whassat?), saloons in two-tone green were seen, also bus stop flags with "LCT" in little green squares. Some red buses were spotted (don't remember seeing any Bradford's but I must have done).

At the bottom of York Road we passed the biggest block of flats I'd ever seen, then I saw the Bus Station. Loads of massive green buses, lined up, entering and leaving the bus station, some immaculate, some shabby, going in all directions. To my young eyes this was Wonderland!

We pulled up at the traffic lights alongside a rear engine, I could see "Leeds City Transport" and a picture of two birds. Looking out of the car's back window a large AEC roared up behind us. As the bus stopped the "clippie" jumped off and round the front to speak to the driver. From my low viewpoint I could see through the upper deck windows to an orange roof window! "These must be posh buses" I thought. The lights changed, we set off and I lost sight of the clippie and her bus.

From the car more massive green buses were seen. Eventually we returned to Garforth for tea, then another slow, uncomfortable journey back home. Little did I realise that 40 years later visiting Leeds would become almost second nature to me. Nor did I realise how bad the buses in Leeds would become. Maybe rose-tinted specs, but I think many old LCT staff are spinning in their graves ...

WAKEFIELD RAILWAY MODELLERS' SOCIETY PRESENTS THE

# WAKEFIELD RMS

## 55TH MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

### NOVEMBER 2016

**FRI 18TH / SAT 19TH & SUN 20TH NOVEMBER 2016**  
FRI: 5.30PM TO 9.00PM / SAT: 10.00AM TO 6.00PM  
SUN: 10.00AM TO 5.00PM

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