



Peak Rail offers an on-train Dining Service on selected trains, and also "Steam Experience" driving courses, where you can get your hands on a steam engine's controls. There are special events throughout the year, and Santa Specials during December.

For details visit www.peakrail.co.uk or phone 01629 580381 (7 days)

THE PEAK RAIL STORY

In 1968 despite numerous objections, the railway between Matlock and Buxton running through the Peak National Park was closed and lifted. This was once part of the Midland Railway's line between Manchester (Central) and London St. Pancras.

In 1975 Peak Railway Society was formed with the aim of re-opening the line. A Steam Centre opened at Buxton on the former Midland railway site, but restricted in its length by British Railways continued occupancy of the line through Ashwood Dale for quarry traffic.

In 1988 permission was finally granted for the society to lease the trackbed at Darley Dale and a share issue was opened. This was a success and slowly years of undergrowth were converted into the trackwork seen today. Initial track-laying was southward from Darley Dale to a new station "Matlock Riverside" some few hundred yards north of Matlock (NR) but with a main line connection. Delays to the re-development of the Cawdor Quarry site, whose access route bridges our entry into Matlock (NR) station, prevented our getting any closer until Autumn 2007, but then after further protracted negotiations with Network Rail, we finally gained permission to start using the former down platform at Matlock "proper" and re-opening was on 1 July 2011.

Northwards, in 1997 the railway opened from Darley Dale to a new station "Rowsley South" at the site of the former Rowsley engine shed. This is now the main operational centre of the railway, and The Heritage Shunter Trust and The LMS Carriage Association also have workshops here. With extensive free parking, a narrow gauge railway and a large picnic area, Rowsley South is the best place for motorists to start their visit to Peak Rail.



2019 DATES OF LOCAL RAILWAY EVENTS:

Feb:	Sat 9 - Sun 10	Festival of British Rly Modelling	Doncaster Racecourse
Feb:	Sat 23 - Sun 24	New Mills & Dist Rly Modellers	Chapel en le Frith Leisure Centre
Mar:	Sat 30 - Sun 31	Sheffield Mod Rly Enth Exhib'n	Birkdale School
Apr:	Sat 27 - Sun 28	Neepsend Mod Rly Soc Exhib'n	Park Centre, off Duke St, S2 5QT
May:	Sat 18 - Sun 19	Immingham Mod Rail Show	Immingham Museum & Civic Centre
June:	Sat 8 - Sun 9	Peak Model Rly Exhib'n	Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell
Oct:	Sat 5	Shef Mod Rly Soc Exhib'n	Davy Sport Club, 630 Prince of Wales Rd
Oct:	Sat 26 - Sun 27	Caistor Model Rly Exhib'n	Town Hall, High St, Caistor LN7 6TJ
Nov:	Sat 9 - Sun 10	Barnsley Mod Rly Exhib'n	Hoyland Leisure Centre

Abbeylea Miniature Railway: seasonal, open twice a month on Sunday afternoons for operating dates and times, and special events, see www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com

South Yorks Transport Museum, Open Days: second Sunday of the month

for open dates and times, and special events see - www.sytm.co.uk/opening.html
Waddington Way, off Aldwarke Lane (A6123), Rotherham S65 3SH - (alongside former GC line)

Toy Collectors Fairs, Doncaster Racecourse: Mar 10, May 19, Jul 7, Oct 27, Dec 30

PEAK RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD PROGRAMME

2019



Haddon Tunnel - 42174 - August 1961
(copyright J R Morten)

First Monday monthly at 7.30 pm

THE HARLEQUIN PUB

108, Nursery Street, Sheffield S3 8GG (upstairs function room)
by Junction 9 "Bridgehouses" at the north apex of the Inner Ring Road

Motorists: after 6:00 pm have use of the huge Aizlewood's Mill floodlit car park at rear of pub.

Pedestrians: from west side of the former Exchange Brewery (and opposite rear of Snig Hill police station) try the "Upper Don Walk" beside the river, then cross the bowstring river footbridge (less than 5 minutes).

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

programme organiser: Dave Sharp 0114 274 5478 or 07950 787 231 (text or phone)
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Mondays

Jan 7

"The Sheffield to Dore Widening in Pictures - Part 2" - digital - Ted Hancock

Last August a full-house enjoyed Part 1 of this show when, such were the number of interesting pictures, we only got as far as Heeley. Part 2 now continues south including the construction of Millhouses Shed and a detailed look at the extensive alterations at Dore.

January



"Railways Remembered" - Film Show at The Library Theatre - Rob Foxon

"NEW YEAR SPECIALS" NOW DISCONTINUED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT

Feb 4

"My Swansong 2" - digital - Ken Horan

By popular request, more highlights of Ken's photography from his footplate days and his linesiding days, both at home and his trips abroad. Another photographic feast laced with irreverent banter!

Mar 4

"Trains and Terrains" - slideshow - Geoff Proctor

Geoff heads for the hills both at home and abroad, so in addition to the UK with the S&C etc we shall also see the USA with The Silverton & Durango, Switzerland with the Jungfraubahn and the Furka Oberalp Cogwheel Steam Railway, plus Sardinia and some other snippets.

Apr 1

"From Monochrome to Fujichrome" - slides - Peter Skelton (Gloucester)

(The show which was cancelled due to snow on 2 April 2018)

Peter, a sparring-partner of Ken Horan (Feb), has agreed to make the long journey to show memories of his early outings to London and elsewhere starting out from the early 1960s from Gloucester, home to the Midland and to the GWR. Also visits to his relatives firmly in NER territory in Hartlepool. Humorous tales of shed-bunking, footplate-rides etc. promise a nostalgic and entertaining evening.

May 6

(Bank Hol)

"Distant Trails" - professional video producer - Ted Parker (Yarm)

Sit back and enjoy Ted's films of steam in the landscape, and the stories behind them. There is a memorable sequence filmed from a helicopter showing 'Tornado' with wonderful exhaust trail sweeping its train along the scenic Cumbrian Coast against a backdrop of the Lakeland hills. Ted was joint author with Ken Horan of the 'On Parallel Lines' photo books.

May 20



"Railways Remembered" - Film Show at The Library Theatre - Rob Foxon

*More from Rob's ever-expanding collection of archive railway film.
Library Theatre, Tudor Square, Sheffield S1 1XZ - Start 7.30pm (doors 7.00pm).*

Jun 3

"55 years of Railway Photography" - Les Nixon (Hathersage)

The title gives Les plenty of scope for a hugely varied presentation of his high quality pictures of the steam era, preservation, railtours, and modern image, both at home and abroad. Should be plenty to suit everybody!

Jul 1

Laura Waters, Museum Curator, Crich Tramway Village - two digital presentations -

"A Tramway at the Top of a Hill in Crich"

2019 marks 60 years. Back to the origins, then tracing the progress through to present day.

"Tramways During the First World War"

Aug 5

"A Scenic Railway Tour of Southern France" - digital - Mike Bunn (Tonbridge)

Mike, a regular visitor to France, takes us on a tour, by SNCF and tourist trains, along the Rhone Valley, Cote D'Azur, through the Pyrenees, Atlantique coast and Massif Central. His presentation includes the landscape, historic towns and tourist sights en route. Tramways and archive steam are also included.

Sep 2

"Melbourne to Melbourne" - digital - Gavin Lake (Melbourne)

Join Gavin on another rail journey of epic proportions. Experience trans-european travel commencing in Melbourne, Derbyshire, and conclude the adventure many miles and loco classes later at Melbourne Southern Cross station, down under!

Oct 7

"Up Front – A Driver's Tales" - slideshow - Martin Bromley (Nottingham)

Martin first started at Leicester Central MPD in 1959. Over the past 12 months Martin has been re-calling interesting and humorous incidents from his 40 years of train driving, and finding appropriate photos to illustrate them.

Nov 4

"Where Would You Like to Go?" - digital - Anthony Hicks (Leeds)

Anthony's show begins with some very scenic shots of trains on Yorkshire viaducts, some obtained by rather devious means to get a clear view! Then the audience gets to choose from a menu of around 30 topics (steam, East Anglia etc) each including approx 20 pictures and taking about 10 minutes, before returning to the menu for another choice to be made. Every show is different!

Nov 25



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*Another show, another theme. More of Rob's archive railway film.
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~~ Our programme for 2020 meetings should be available this evening ~~

Dec 2

Pie, Pea & Chips Supper with Peak Rail Director, and then **"Quick Quiz", "YourPix"** and Roy Wilson's **"The 2019 Transport Scene in Sheffield & beyond"**

Latest news and developments direct from a Board Member, Q&A, then John Wade's "Quick Quiz" whilst supper is being served. After supper, the slide & digital projectors and laptop are available for 15 mins slots to show your film clips, slides, and digital pictures (on USB devices please), and then the evening will conclude with Roy Wilson's "The 2019 Transport Scene in Sheffield & beyond"

