



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](http://www.peakrail.co.uk) or phone 01629 580381

### 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.

### 2020 DATES OF LOCAL RAILWAY EVENTS

<b>Jan:</b>	Sat 18	Worksop Mod Tran Ex, Crossing Church Centre, Newcastle St, S80 2AT
<b>Feb:</b>	Sat 8 - Sun 9	Festival of British Rly Modelling Doncaster Racecourse
<b>Feb:</b>	Sat 22 - Sun 23	New Mills & Dist Rly Modellers Chapel en le Frith Leisure Centre
<b>Mar:</b>	Sat 28 - Sun 29	Sheffield Mod Rly Enth Exhib'n Birkdale School
<b>May:</b>	Sat 16 - Sun 17	Immingham Mod Rail Show Immingham Museum & Civic Centre
<b>May:</b>	Sat 23 - Sun 24	Neepsend Mod Rly Soc Exhib'n Grenoside Commtty Centre, S35 8PR
<b>June:</b>	Sat 6 - Sun 7	Peak Model Rly Exhib'n Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell
<b>Aug:</b>	Sat 1	Worksop Mod Tran Ex, Crossing Church Centre, Newcastle St, S80 2AT
<b>Oct:</b>	Sat 3	Shef Mod Rly Soc Exhib'n Davy Sport Club, 630 Prince of Wales Rd
<b>Nov:</b>	Sat 7 - Sun 8	Barnsley Mod Rly Exhib'n Hoyland Leisure Centre

**Abbeyle Miniature Railway:** seasonal, open twice a month on Sunday afternoons for operating dates and times, and special events, see [www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com](http://www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com)

**South Yorks Transport Museum, Open Days:** second Sunday of the month for open dates and times, and special events see - [www.syt.m.co.uk/opening.html](http://www.syt.m.co.uk/opening.html)  
Waddington Way, off Aldwarke Lane (A6123), Rotherham S65 3SH - (alongside former GC line)

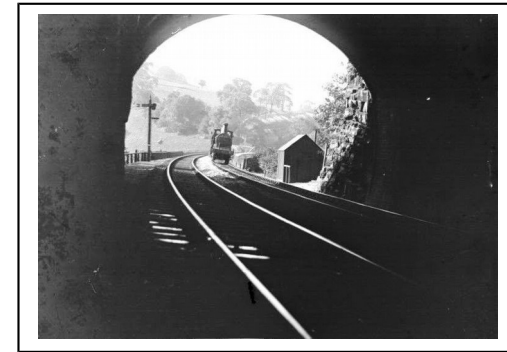
**Toy Collectors Fairs, Doncaster Racecourse:** Mar 8, May 17, Jul 5, Oct 18, Dec 30

# PEAK RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

## SHEFFIELD PROGRAMME

# 2020

modified



looking west out of Headstone Tunnel circa 1920 by Frank Harris. An image shared on the Rowsley, Bakewell, Monsal Dale & Millers Dale Railway Facebook Group.

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

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**Mondays**

**Jan 6** “InterRailing Adventures in Europe” - digital - Stewart Donohoe  
*Standard gauge, narrow gauge, steam, diesel and electric. Not just the trains, but the locations as well. Journeys from 2007 to date.*

**Feb 3** **UPDATED AFTER FEB / MAY SPEAKER SWITCH**  
 “Railways in the Principality” slideshow - Keith Marshall  
*Anglesey and North Wales, the Cambrian, Central, West, and South Wales in the 1990s.*

**Mar 2** “10+ years at Platform 5” - digital - Robert Pritchard  
*Robert is now Editor of 'Today's Railways UK' magazine, and also author of the Platform 5 handbooks on Czech & Slovak Railways, UK Metro & Light Rail Systems, and Preserved Locomotives of British Railways. Working for Platform 5 means he gets to photograph newsworthy events and gain access to privileged areas. Robert travels extensively at home and abroad, and tonight we see the period 2006-2011.*

**Apr 6** “People and Places” - digital - Paul Shackcloth (*Cheadle Hulme*)  
*Paul manages the Manchester Locomotive Society huge photographic collection of superb quality images. We not only see scanned prints and negatives of the pre-1968 steam railway, but Paul adds a 'twist' by then also zooming in close-up to secondary features also visible in the image. A novel show.*

**May 4** **UPDATED AFTER FEB / MAY SPEAKER SWITCH**  
 “West Coast Railways” - presentation - James Shuttleworth  
*The intriguing complexity of setting up a private railway company, and then resourcing access agreements to use the network and stations, acquire depots, locomotives, coaching stock and staff. .With the resources in place, James then goes on to describe the multitude of arrangements to run diesel and steam charters on today's railway, with some examples of all going well, and others which encountered problems, and how they were resolved. A fascinating insight.*

**May** “Railways Remembered” - Film Show at The Library Theatre - Rob Foxon  
**THE FILM SHOWS IN MAY ARE DISCONTINUED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT**

**Jun 1** “Off the Beaten Track” - digital - Rob Morrey (*Stoke-on-Trent*)  
*A bit of a Heineken tour because Rob loves to keep it simple, get off the beaten track, and search out the obscure, much to the delight of the editor of Swiss Express (The Swiss Railway Society magazine) who has printed a number of Rob's articles. Switzerland and elsewhere*

**Jul 6** “Eastern Seaboard in 1975” - slideshow - Bernard Mills (*Buckland Monachorum*)  
*Bernard is a retired railway clerical officer from Plymouth. In 1975 he did a 6 month secondment with BritRail Travel International in New York, who arrange travel passes to the UK for overseas visitors. Commuting daily into New York from Westfield, New Jersey, Bernard stayed with a signalling friend who introduced him to enthusiasts who arranged weekend trips to photograph the railway scene. He also explored the immediate New York scene on many evenings after work. Intriguing stuff with GG1 crocodile-style electrics and huge diesels then still dragging long rakes of vintage steam-era rolling stock.*

**Aug 3** “A Journey from Dore to Chinley in the Steam Era” - digital - Ted Hancock  
*The route of Ted's Hope Valley book. With his wealth of pictures, can we complete the distance in a single show! Volume 2 of the HV trilogy is due to be published in June.*

**Sep 7** “Trains, Trams, Trolleys and Trivia” - digital - Frank Greaves  
*Another mischievous evening from Frank with a pot-pourri of all things transport*

**Oct 5** “Branch Lines around Devon” - slideshow - Martin Bromley (*Nottingham*)  
*Martin's childhood holidays were with the family to Aunts living near Axminster in Devon. At every opportunity Martin would visit the Southern's local branch lines to Lyme Regis, Seaton, Sidmouth and Exmouth. Tonight is an excuse to re-visit those haunts.*

**Nov 2** “The History & Restoration of the Chesterfield Canal” - digital - John Lower  
*An illustrated journey along the Chesterfield Canal to discover its history, the 12 miles of restoration already completed and what work is still required to once again link Chesterfield with the River Trent. We will also learn about the varied activities of the Chesterfield Canal Trust and its more than 1,700 members. John Lower has been a volunteer since 1981, most recently involved in the construction of a replica wooden horse-drawn narrowboat of a type unique to the Chesterfield Canal. He is a writer of waterway guides and magazine articles.*

**Nov 23** “Railways Remembered” - Film Show at The Library Theatre - Rob Foxon  
*Library Theatre, Tudor Square, Sheffield S1 1XZ - Start 7.30pm (doors 7.00pm).*

**Dec 7** **Pie, Pea & Chips Supper** with Peak Rail Director, and then “Quick Quiz”, “YourPix” and Roy Wilson's “The 2020 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 min 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 2020 Transport Scene in Sheffield & beyond'*