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EDITORIAL Members will be fully aware by now of the financial crisis existant in this Society. I can't add any more to what has already been circularised, only that due to insufficient funds at our disposal this issue of the Newsheet has had to be drastically cut. Therefore, in this 'sheet will only be found the Area reports and fixtures; those of you who have sent in information etc., for inclusion will see their articles in print just as soon as is humanly possible to raise the necessary cash to finance a full Newsheet.

Ed.

## AREA NOTES - LEEDS AREA

Mr. E. G. Cope gave an interesting, illustrated talk on the fascinating narrow gauge lines of Europe at the last meeting on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Friday, Jan.29th, 1960. Area Annual General Meeting.

This is to be followed by a slide show, and members who have slides they wish to have projected, are invited to bring them along.

Friday, Feb.26th, 1960. Illustrated talk by P.G.

Brennand, on the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes R.R. This line being the 'Premier' 24" gauge line in the U.S.A. until its demise in the early 1930's.

The above meetings are held in Headingley Congregation Church Hall, Leeds at 7 p.m.

LONDON & SOUTH EAST AREA - Saturday, Feb.6th, 1960

(NOTE NEW DATE)

The Campbeltown & Machrihamish Light Rly by M.S.Hynd, at 7pm.

Saturday, Mar.26th, 1960

(TENTATIVE DATE ONLY)

Area Annual General Meeting. We shall be pleased to see as many as possible present at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

The above meetings will be at the Kings Stores, 14, Widegate Street, London, E.1.

BIRMINGHAM AREA. Doug. Clayton gave an interesting and very useful talk on 'The Collection of Railway Data' at the last meeting held here in Birmingham, 14 members being present.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 26th Jan. 1960. An illustrated talk by Rick Green on 'RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPHY'. Members will remember Mr. Green's very entertaining talk on the Vale of Rheidol Light Railway earlier this year, and will know that an instructive and interesting evening is really assured.

8th March 1960. A joint meeting with the Talylllyn Railway Preservation Society is planned for this date, when their Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. R. Whitehouse will show some of his very fine collection of narrow gauge cine films. This is definitely an occasion that NO ONE SHOULD MISS! (Wish he lived nearer Leeds, Ed.)

12th Apr. 1960 Mr. C. C. Green is to give an illustrated talk on the 'NARROW GAUGE

ASSOCIATIONS OF THE CAMBRIAN RAILWAYS. Mr. Green has made an intensive study of this subject over the last few years and his talk should definitely be most interesting.

24th May, 1960. Mr. R. M. Sinclair will give what promises to be a most fascinating illustrated talk on 'THE LOCATION & PRESERVATION OF NARROW GAUGE LOCOMOTIVES'. Mr. Sinclair has himself had practical experience of his subject on several occasions, and his reminiscences should undoubtedly prove most entertaining.

All the above meetings are at The Exchange Restaurant, Stephenson Place, Birmingham, and start at 7 p.m.

N.W. AREA 5 people attended a meeting at Preston on 6th December. The members discussed the possibility of purchasing a Scoutmoor Quarry Tramway Gravity-working Wagon and presenting it to the Society for preservation. Mr. Jan Taylor has offered to produce a fully detailed map of the railway for reproduction in the future.

The Area hopes to display a poster at the Manchester M.R. Show - a printed one too - the other Areas wish they could follow suit.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CHANGE OF DATE & VENUE of SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING. Now at 6.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, at THE KINGS STORES, 14 WIDEGATE STREET, LONDON E.1. (opposite Liverpool Street Station, off Bishopsgate).

The Hon. Organising Secretary acknowledges with thanks the many replies sent in to his letter, referring to the proposed subscription increase. Receipt of a completed form will count as a proxy vote at the above meeting, so please send yours in if you have not already done so.

The Hon. Organising Secretary & Treasurer wishes to make it quite clear that the Society's Funds are NOT used to finance Area activities, i.e., meetings etc. The expenses for these are met by the Areas themselves. Thus members living near centres do not benefit financially, as I believe some think they do, at the expense of the lone member. In fact they probably contribute more to the Society's well-being, for instance the London & S.E. Area finances the Handbooks, and the Leeds Area assists with Preservation, whilst other Areas are contemplating tasks which will benefit the whole Society.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Both the Editor of this Newsheet and that of the Narrow Gauge wish to thank members for their support recently.

Although they cannot publish all you sent in this time, they will endeavour to use all available material in their next issues. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and they look forward to your continued support in 1960.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LONDON AGENT:

We would like to express our sincere regrets to anyone who was inconvenienced by the change of venue of our meeting on 28th November. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this had to be done at extremely short notice.

Would members please note carefully the change in DATE and VENUE of the London and Special General Meetings shown above.

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