

# 2025 Programme Info

**June 27th**

**Ian Copplestone** presents 'UK Steam from the 70's to the noughties. "

We begin in 1973 at the R,H&DR, VoR, Bluebell lines, a rail tour from Sheffield to York with S&D 7F 13809 plus an open day at Old Oak Common. In the 80's we see WSR, K&WVSR, SVR and MHR. The 90's bring many preserved engines with Clan Line; 'M7' 30673; 'King Arthur' 777; Sir Lamiel; Taw Valley and 'Tornado' in action on the main line and preserved lines. With a final round-up in the noughties at the IoWSR; the Bluebell Railway; MHR, Glos-Warks Railway; Didcot Railway Centre and Eastleigh.



**July 25th**

**Tony Storey** presents "Steam survivors"

Tony will be showing pictures of steam survivors, i.e. locos that were withdrawn during the late 1960s, but have survived to operate on heritage railways or on the main line. He greatly enjoyed photographing steam locos for over sixty years, and since retiring in 2017, has been a volunteer on the Watercross Line at Alresford Station as a foreman and signalman.



**September 26th**

**John Barrowdale** presents "East German Narrow Gauge and Dresden Paddle Steamers 2005 "

John takes us on a trip in 2005 with 3 friends to the former East Germany where they toured the East German Narrow gauge and Dresden Paddle Steamers. They visited the following railways :- Harzer Schmal-spurbanen, Zittau-Oybin-Jonsdorf , Mollibahn , Rugensche - Radeburg Cranzahl , Oberwiesenthal Rugensche Klanbahn . Plus, the River Elbe Paddle Steamers at Dresden where he observed them from the riverbanks and also had a voyage on one.



**October 31st**

**Hungarian Journey - 2004**

**Paul Gosling**

Paul flew into Budapest airport with an exciting landing, then by bus and metro into the city to where he was staying.

The next few days were busy with mainline and private railways including steam and narrow-gauge railways. The trip was organised by Basingstoke and District Railway Society (BDRS) with regular travellers and a professional railway man. It was very well organised and they also arranged the sun for the whole trip!



**November 28th**

**Valerie Young** presents "In the Footsteps of Lawrence"

A trawl through the life of "The Uncrowned King of Arabia" T E Lawrence, his adventures and personality. Including the blockbuster film, An unusual childhood, Archaeology digs in the Middle East and Crusader castles, Syria, birthplace of the alphabet and Petra the rose-coloured city. The guerrilla missions of the First World War and Camel sales. Why Gertrude Bell, "Queen of the desert", was out there with him in the 1920s, and how Lawrence was helping Churchill, when he visited the east.

