

## Forthcoming Events

23 September 96 "Alan Pegler Reminisces".

We start the season with some reminiscences from one of the founders of UK steam preservation whose experiences go back to 1950/51 and the early days of the Talylyn and Festiniog railways. Interspersed with this will be some video recordings of "Flying Scotsman", which, of course, Alan bought from BR in 1963.

18 Nov 96 "Degrees of Indifference: Why Historians Should Care About Railways"

Prof Colin Divall will repeat a lecture he gave to the Friends at York, and which was reported in the May Newsletter (p10). Prof Divall advises me that the previous outing for the lecture provoked a good deal of questioning so we should be in for a lively evening.

6 Jan 97 AGM and Social,  
plus some railway related entertainment.

17 Mar 97 "Return of the Tramway?"

The original railways were developments from the 18th century tramways. Much later the coming of the electric urban tram did much to spur the development of electric railways, and, more recently, "Metro" systems have taken over inner suburban lines, with the addition of street running. Fred Davis is a regular attendee at our meetings and has extensive knowledge of tram and light railway systems both in UK and continental Europe. He will review the rise and demise of the tramway in UK and cover recent developments both in UK and Europe.

All the meetings are held at the South Eastern Career Development Centre - see map opposite. Talks start at 7pm, with refreshments from 6.30pm.

## The Outreach Programme

In addition to the Bedford-Bletchley event (see separate item), the Group intends to be represented on some of the Duchess of Hamilton's runs in the South of England over the next two months. Other events, including attendance at some model railway exhibitions over the winter months are being considered. We aim to get round a good part of the South, including areas well away from London. These visits can provide an opening for some far-flung Friends who have, so far, had no opportunity to make contact with the Group. On the weekend visits the regulars often make a social occasion of it and retire to a local hostelry for a bar meal and a yarn, so why not join us? If you are interested, please drop the Chairman a note (address below).

## Bedford - Bletchley 150

As advised in the previous two Briefings, the South of England Group will be lending support to this event. The main activity will be to support the NRM's "Rocket" replica during its stay at Bedford. This will be on 12th and 13th October. The plan is for it to be in steam but it is unlikely to move under its own power, being kept on the low-loader. We aim to have our stand nearby with the usual promotional material on the NRM and quite a few mementos of Rocket. Why not come along?

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## Calling all Photographers

At the event at the Shuttleworth Collection, we were approached by a Trustee of the "Battle of Britain" Society (no - not the Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire, but the Locomotive of Bulleid design!). They organise regular photographic charters at preserved railways, many in the South of England. Friends in the south have been invited to participate. There is a charge to cover the hire of the line and train. If you are interested in participating, send a SAE to

The Battle of Britain Locomotive Society,  
c/o Barrie Woods, 4 Main Road, Carnforth,  
Lancashire LA5 8DH.

## Fancy being a Station Master?

You may be surprised to know that one of our Friends in the North owns the station house at Clapham. Unlikely the Junction of the same name somewhere south of the Thames, this Clapham is located in the charming rural countryside of the Yorkshire Dales on the borders of Lancashire and close to Settle. The owner is very keen to find an enthusiast to buy the property. So if you are interested in a second home, with conveniently sited station, or even moving North permanently, contact the present owner Eric Feasey for details - Station House, Clapham, via Lancaster LA2 8ES.