

Cumbrian Railways Association

The County's Railway History Group

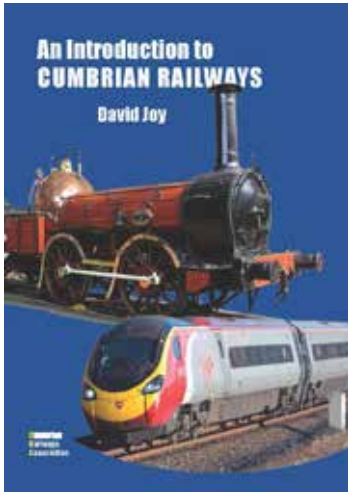
An Electronic Newsletter to keep Local History Groups and the Press informed of our activities

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"An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways" by David Joy



The CRA is proud to announce the publication of its latest book "An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways". Written by well-known railway historian and writer David Joy, this 96 page fully illustrated book, tells the fascinating story of the development of railways in what is now the county of Cumbria. The content spans from the earliest days in the 1830's to the present – from railway pioneers to rail privatisation.

Each railway line in the County is covered, from the main trunk lines, such as the West Coast Main Line, to the

smaller railways that went to make up the network of lines serving local communities and businesses. The Industrial lines that served the County also receive comprehensive coverage.

Basic information on the building of the railways and their subsequent development is also included. The book is topped off with a detailed bibliography for those that want to learn more

This book includes over 150 colour/monochrome photographs and more than 20 specially created colour maps.

"An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways is a book that will appeal to knowledgeable enthusiasts and newcomers alike. It is a book that one will want to pick up and read from cover to cover or dip into time and time again to browse the pictures, maps and text." says CRA Chairman Philip Tuer

The book is priced £9.95 and will be available from November from bookshops or direct from the Cumbrian Railways Association by visiting www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk.



Contact us :

For further information, go to our website at www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk or contact Don by email on publicity@cumbrianrailways.org.uk

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Discover more about the railways of Cumbria – their history, trains and the people who built and ran them

Membership benefits include:

- Quarterly Journal
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - Spring & Autumn Conferences
 - Access to Photographic Collections
 - Access to Archives
 - Access to Journal back issues
 - Active Chat Line group
 - Facebook group
 - Help with 180+ years of Cumbrian railway history
 - Member discounts on CRA products and publications
- Forty years' Anniversary achieved with around 450 current members

INCREDIBLY !!!!! Subscriptions held since 2011 - seventh year at the same rate! Exceptional value!

For further details go to our website at www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk or contact Alan at membershipsec@cumbrianrailways.org.uk

Latest CRA Journal

This edition includes fascinating and informative articles on:

- Maryport Junction
- Scottish locos at Carlisle
- Workington's new transport hub
-and much, much more!

Copies available price £5.50 (including postage in the UK) at www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk

CRA Document Copy Service

As well as photographs, the Cumbrian Railway Association has an archive of documents relating to the railways of Cumbria. If you are interested, a list of document copies currently available and an order form can be supplied by e-mail to the CRA Book Sales Officer at sales@cumbrianrailways.org or on receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope sent to 50 Tattershall, Toothill, Swindon, Wilts SN5 8BX. Document prices are based on coverage of copying costs and postage and will be despatched from the CRA Book Sales address.

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Forthcoming Events For Your Diary!

CRA Autumn Meeting 2017

The Association's Autumn Meeting will be held at the Abbey House Hotel on Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, LA13 0PA on Saturday 11th November 2017, starting at 10.00.

If you are a connoisseur of high-class railway photographs, you are in for a treat, as our morning presentation will feature a portfolio of images by Dr Les Nixon, one of the best-known and respected railway photographers in the country. In the afternoon Rob Murray from the Stainmore Railway Company will be giving an illustrated talk on the restoration of carriages and waggons. Finally, always-fascinating reminiscences by Raymond Penn, CRA member and an actual footplateman, will complete what promises to be a very interesting programme.

Non Members are most welcome – please go to our website, www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk for further booking details or contact Ian Lydiatt at ij.lydiatt@gmail.com or telephone 01539 735886 to book your seat!

Model Railway Exhibitions

Nov 18 & 19 Workington – Energus Bldg., Lillyhall, Workington

Helpers always welcome. If you need anything please get in touch though.

SteamAle presents

Transport-related slide show and talk.

Third Tuesday in the month, September to May.

Ex Services Mens Club, Victoria Place, Carlisle, (note venue) 19.30 - 22.00. Cost £3.00 (to include sandwiches).

www.steamale.co.uk

Nov 21. Ian Watson. (CRA member) "By train in the USA" - By Amtrak from Chicago to Denver; Flagstaff to Los Angeles then to San Francisco and San Francisco back to Denver. Trains include The Californian Zepher; Four Steam railways and DMU to 14110 ft.; The Georgetown Loop; The Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway; The Cumbres and Toltec scenic RR; The Durango and Silverton NG RR; The Grand Canyon Railway and Scenery including Monument Valley.

RCTS Lakes and Lune Branch meetings

All meeting are at the Station Hotel, Carnforth at 7.30 pm Friday 3rd November 2017, Preston to Windermere in the last years of steam by Noel Machell.

Friday 1st December 2017, AGM and Members slides

Friday 5th January 2018, Steam & Diesel in the Northern Fells by Ian Pilkington

Friday 2nd February 2018, Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway by P. Van Zeller

A donation of £ 2.00 members / £ 4.00 non-members is requested. Both Society members and non-members are very welcome to attend meetings. Further information telephone 01524 34840 or visit website www.rcts.org.uk.



bus alongside, displaying the Ravenglass Destination and service number 17 – representing the year of travel

The photograph to the right, by Mike Morton the WTHT Archive officer, is of Providence and Whillan beck passing Waverton while that to the left by David Wallace of WTHT is of the duo about to set off from Workington, with a locally built Leyland National

Helping to Promote Carlisle's Railway Heritage

Last year the CRA were delighted to be invited to join a group discussing ways of making even more of Carlisle's long and rich railway heritage. Led by Tullie House, Chairman of Trustees, Roger Cooke, the group includes Carlisle City Council officers, broadcaster Eric Robson, author and bookseller Stephen Matthews and representatives of local railway history organisations. CRA Chairman Philip Tuer and Publicity Officer Don Jary are representing the CRA.

The Group has been looking at the current ways in which the history of railways in Carlisle are preserved and presented to both the local community and visitors alike and how this can be enhanced and extended. This doesn't just include the physical aspects of trains, railway stations and infrastructure, but also the way in which the coming of the railways shaped and changed the lives of people within and around Carlisle for several generations – and their stories.

A key focus for the Group has been to explore ways in which community projects based upon the railway heritage theme can be identified and possibly brought together to form the foundations for attracting resources to "make them happen"

To this end a public consultation meeting was held in Tullie House on Saturday 8th July. The presentation and discussions were led by Eric Robson and Roger Cooke and other members of the Group. Phillip and Don took part in both the presentation and a lively discussion session that followed. Over 50 people attended the event, including the Leader of Carlisle City Council, former Carlisle MP Eric Martlew and Professor Robin Smith. Some other CRA members were also in evidence!

Whilst this is early days, the CRA is pleased to be involved in such a worthwhile project at such an early stage. It is also further evidence of the success the Association is having in getting its skills and resources recognised. Watch this space!

Rail Locomotive travels behind Road Locomotive

Following the very successful DRS open day at Kingmoor, one of the exhibits was moved to its new home by road. Whillan Beck, the 'new' steam locomotive purchased



for operation on the R&ER was hauled to Ravenglass by Road Locomotive 'Providence'. A Sentinel tractor followed as support vehicle, carrying supplies of coal and water. The cavalcade overnighted at the Old Fire Station in Workington, as guests of the Workington Transport Heritage Trust, before completing the journey, echoing the delivery of River Mite from York to Ravenglass 50 years ago. As then, Providence required some urgent overnight maintenance. The repairs were successful, and the trip to Ravenglass was completed in fine style, even meeting up with Anne, an Agricultural engine formerly owned by Sid Sutton of Beckermert.

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