

## NW Group Formation, 1958 - From the RCHS Journal.

### March 58 Journal

#### NORTH WESTERN MEETING

On 22 March a meeting will be held at Stockport for north-western members. The programme will include a talk, and it is also hoped to form a local committee. At time of going to press the venue had not been arranged, but the meeting will be timed for 6 p.m. and end about 8 p.m. for those wishing to catch buses and trains. Full information will be circulated to all members residing in Lancashire and Cheshire, and any member wishing for further information should write to Mr. A. P. Voce, 10, Danesbury Road, Tonge Moor, Bolton, Lancs. (Telephone: Eagley 1838).

### May 58 Journal

#### North Western Local Group

A meeting was held at Stockport on 22 March, when a local group for the North West was formed. The Chairman is Mr. B. Baxter, Hon. Treasurer Mr. P. A. Norton, Hon. Secretary Mr. A. P. Voce, to whom enquiries should be addressed at 10, Danesbury Road, Bolton, Lancs. Mr. J. I. C. Boyd undertook to serve on the committee temporarily. It is proposed to hold six meetings a year, two during the winter and four between April and September. The next meeting is to be held on 21 June, when a visit will be made to the railways around Mow Cop.

### Sept 58 Journal

North West On 21 June, in spite of bad weather, six members of the group visited the remains of tramways in the Mow Cop area, near Congleton. Under Mr. Baxter's very capable guidance, the party inspected the remains of tramways connecting Trubshaw and Stonetrough collieries with the Trent & Mersey and Macclesfield canals. The remains of the Congleton railway were also inspected. Embankments and cuttings were noted, and there were still a number of stone sleepers in position. Congratulations are due to Mr. Baxter for his research and for the excellent way he organized the trip.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

North West The next meeting of this group will be held on Saturday 4 October in the Oddfellows Institute, Chestergate, Stockport, at 6.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. C. R. Clinker, who has taken as his subject "Railway History in Acts of Parliament", in which there will be local references of interest to North Western members. A warm welcome will be given to any members outside the North West area, if they are able to attend.

## Nov 58 Journal

North West Group. The first meeting of the 1958-9 session of the group was held at Stockport on 4 October, when some 27 members and friends were present to hear an address by Mr. C. R. Clinker on "Railway History in Acts of Parliament" which, as he pointed out, was rather a vast subject when one considered that from 1758 to 1956 some 6,550 Acts relating to railways were passed involving 1,215 different companies. Not only was serious information to be found by studying these Acts, but many humorous items were also to be culled from the study of them. When the time came for the meeting to close, those present felt that not only had they attended a very informative meeting but also a very entertaining one.

FROM JANUARY 1959 THE BULLETIN WAS LAUNCHED SO AFTER THAT GROUP MATTERS WERE NOT IN THE JOURNAL

Note:

Bulletin 25 – January 61 shows Allan Brackenbury as NW Secretary, and this appears to be the first reference to him in that role.

He was shown as a new member in the November 58 Journal. This rather suggests he was not at the March meeting but I could be making an incorrect deduction.

I do have a full set of Bulletins. Perhaps you, or someone, would like to borrow them and scan to the website in their spare time.

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