West Yorkshire Section.

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Meetings:
17:45 to approx. 20:30, 3rd Tuesday of each month from September to May. Other events as advertised.

October Meeting: Tuesday 15th @ 18:15

Paper: Drainage

Speaker: Kevin Hallam

Kevin is employed by Network Rail and is currently based in York, after a recent move from Leeds.

NEW Start Time:

Attendees at our meetings have decided to have refreshments from 17:45 and ask our speakers to address us from 18:15. Any Section Business will be conducted after presentations.

Section Membership:

Static at 54.

Dates for Your Diary

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<td>Venue</td>
<td>National Railway Museum – 18:00. FREE.</td>
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<td>21 Oct</td>
<td>‘Engineering a National High Speed Network’ Rail Engineers Forum Technical Seminar</td>
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<td>Venue</td>
<td>1 Great George St, London. SW1P 3AA 08:30 – 16:30. £150/£250 per person.</td>
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<td>8&amp;9 Nov</td>
<td>Section Secretaries’ Meeting – Birmingham Please let me know of any issues you wish me to raise on your behalf.</td>
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Promoting PWI:

Attendees at our September Meeting asked that I send digital versions of our posters to all Section Members using email to display or print and display. Posters are often large files, so I will send them separately to newsletters.

New Email Address & Website:
My email will change to: west.yorkshire@thepwi.org
Website: www.thepwi.org from 6th October 2013.

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REVIEW: Leeds Station Southern Entrance – Tom Gifford.

Special thanks to Tom Gifford, who addressed us despite not being 100%. Thanks also to Gordon Reed who led our thanks to Tom and made the notes on which this review is based.

Many people have questioned the need for another access to Leeds station, and Tom began by providing the answer. Leeds is now one of the busiest stations in Britain, with patronage growing since 1999, if not earlier, to 3 million passengers per annum. A further 66% growth is predicted during the next 20 years. It is considered that the approach needs to be improved, especially in view of major new developments in the area to the south of the station. Restricted to pedestrians and those with bicycles, the new entrance will be built above the River Aire and connected to the banks by walkways. The new structure will be adjacent to Platform 17 and include lifts, escalators, stairs, Help Points, Information Screens and CCTV. Access to the rest of the station will be via an extension to the existing footbridge at the West End of the station. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2013 and the entrance should be in use by late 2014. When opened it will reduce walking distance between the station and existing and new business premises. This will make rail travel more convenient and attractive to the workforce.

The construction materials will commendably be conveyed to site by barge from a storage area established on the Aire & Calder Navigation. The structure has been designed to respect the privacy of residents in adjacent properties and will be clad in a material to match those properties. The design, which compliments the station roof and reflects the Council’s wish for the structure to be shaped like a fish, has proved controversial! The development is part of a wider plan to improve Neville Street, for pedestrians and residents. After many questions, there seemed to be general approval for this project from attendees. (10M, [18.52%] 1V, 2A)

Committee Meeting:

At our last Committee Meeting we spent an hour discussing the proposed Freight Seminar, and put forward a revised proposal. This will be discussed at PWI Exec. this Wednesday (2/10/13). We will then have another Committee Meeting!

Section Visits:

This item was deferred to our next Committee Meeting. Any suggestions or requests are welcome, and should be sent to me by any of the usual methods, please.

Publicity:

At our Committee Meeting, Gordon expressed concern that our meetings are not receiving sufficient publicity. I responded to Gordon by sending Press Releases advertising our meetings to several publications. Some of these have now been returned by the email system, so I am looking for new email addresses for the relevant publications. Meanwhile, you should find our details in: Railnews, the Yorkshire Post/Evening Post, and on the PWI website. I also exchange information with my peers in the other institutions. Any further publicity suggestions to me, please.

Newsletters by Email:

Last month several newsletters were returned by the email system and I sent paper copies instead. IF you received a paper copy and would prefer email, please let me have your up-to-date email address!