

# THE IN TOUCH

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### Quarterly Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

To be held in

Gateshead Bowling Green Club, 10 Prince Consort Road, Gateshead NE8 1LS.  
Commencing at **1:30pm**.

1 Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting  
2 New members and Obituaries  
3 Federation News

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### JUNE SPEAKER

Our guest speaker will be one of our members Mr Harold Bowron who had a long and varied railway career. The talk will be entitled "Life on The Line."

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

We have not received any new members since our March meeting.  
We have lost two members:

1. Mrs Brenda Saunders who passed away. Brenda was the wife of the late Mr Peter Saunders. They were both long term members of our club and in past years enjoyed the arranged trips, attending our meetings and Christmas lunches.
2. Mr Vic Ross who passed away 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Vic celebrated his 100th birthday on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### RAILWAY COLLEAGUES

Although not members of our branch, we have been told of two former colleagues passing away.

Mr James Harrington (Tiny) who was a senior conductor on the main line services.

Mr. John Mullen who was a Guard on the local services.

Both were very well known and respected by former work colleagues who are members of our branch.

### **FEDERATION NEWS**

The secretary attended the AGM and four monthly meeting at Euston on Thursday 14th of March 2024.

Minutes are now to hand, and the secretary will update members of relevant matters at the June meeting.

A special thank you, to members who have sent us books of postage stamps, it is much appreciated.

Next meeting will be on Thursday 5th of September 2024.

### **SHILDON RAILWAY MUSEUM**

A purpose-built hall at the Museum will be open from the 24th of May, housing forty-seven vehicles.

If anyone is interested, the website address is: <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/>