

THE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

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SANTA PACKS 'EM IN

As reported in the last news-sheet, the first of the Santa Specials on Sunday 7 December was a great success. Since then, there have been two more equally successful Santa Sundays on 14 and 21 December with visitors averaging about 500 on each day. The general verdict was that the first season of RPSI Santa Specials was a great success and, hopefully, these will become a regular event in the RPSI Steam Calendar. I was viewing some slides of these events the other day, Funny that there isn't a single one of Santa and John Richardson together!

SLIGO BOOKING

With 1981 being the year which features an RPSI railtour to Sligo, what better way to whet your appetite than to read the new reprint of 'Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway' by N.W. Sprinks. The original print of this book was published in 1970 by the Irish Railway Record Society and for many years now it has been virtually unobtainable. So it is a welcome move for Irish Steam Scene to be sponsoring this reprint after an 11 year gap. In addition to all features of the original, such as plenty of excellent photographs, station plans, etc., the reprint contains an extra section bringing the information up to date. With the ever-spiralling costs of railway books these days, the price of £3.50 is particularly attractive, so avoid disappointment and get your copy from Irish Steam Scene.

LONDONERS' DIARY

Railway preservation Society of Ireland London Agent, Leslie McAllister, has asked me to remind RPSI members in that part of the world that they are very welcome at the Irish Railway Record Society meetings in London. These all take place in the Fred Tallant Hall, Drummond Street which is very close to Euston Station, They all start at 19.15. The next three dates are as follows:

Thursday 19 February Alan Roome on modelling Irish Railways and a film show by Alan Merrell.

Thursday 19 March Programme to be announced.

Thursday 23 April Charles Friel, well known for his excellent slide shows to the Belfast Area, will be crossing the water to present a slide show based on a hypothetical railtour round the Northern part of Ireland in 1957. (Lots of steam.)

ST. JUDE'S MEETINGS

Just a reminder that Belfast Area meetings continue at St Jude's Church Hall, Sunnyside Street at 19.30 on Tuesdays 17 February and 24 March.

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