

SENIOR FELLOWS CLUB

MEETING AT YORK RAILWAY MUSEUM



Dr Ian Calder
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Steam engines are like big friendly kettles with wheels and whistles. The collection at the York museum ranges from delightful little shunters to the beautiful Mallard, and an absolute behemoth built for the Chinese. It was a grand day out, and we are very grateful to Karen Slater and Michelle Crosley for organising it.

Seventy-five members made the journey to York on 3 November 2016, but sadly there was one notable absentee – our invited speaker, Mr Howard Driver. Poor Howard was struck down with what may have been a norovirus infection the night before. He has had 50 years with the Fell Rescue Association and has rarely missed a 'shout', so it was particularly unlucky that he was unable to pass on his accumulated wisdom. Fortunately, Chris Johnson was willing and able to fill in with a wonderful talk on Wilderness Medicine (the second edition of 'The Oxford Handbook', of which he is an editor, has just come out). We learnt a lot of very interesting things – did you know that 99% of murdered Britons meet their fate abroad, and that our chances of being smashed up are also much, much higher on foreign roads? For real 'red-meat' risk, we could have a go at Bat Suit Flying, which has a mortality of 1 per 60 'flights', but I forgot to ask whether it is any safer in the UK.

Professor Ravi Majahan told us something of what is happening at Churchill House. It seems that the College has concluded that it has to take on a lobbying role, to try and make sure that the Government gets the best and most accurate information possible.

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THE
6 JUNE 2017 AT THE COLLEGE.
THE INVITED SPEAKER IS **HARRIET TUCKEY****

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Speaker: Dr Chris Johnson



The National Railway Museum, York