

# TASS – Life Story Talks

The Anchorage Centre, Plymouth Road, Tavistock PL19 8AG (adjacent to Tavistock bus station)

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11 AM, 10 September 2019

Bernard Mills, a former British Railways employee and now a rail enthusiast and historian, will be giving a 40 minute talk about the last days of Tavistock North and Tavistock South railway stations.

The presentation will include film of a ride on the train from Tavistock North to Lydford as well as a journey from Tavistock South out to Whitchurch. Pictures will include many 'now and then' scenes depicting how the area was in the 1960's and how the same spot looks today. Many of these photos were taken in colour and present a real time machine of the railways of Tavistock.

Bernard had the privilege of working at Tavistock North as a booking clerk in the last two years the station was open. He found it a wonderful place to work with good railwaymen and some became personal friends. He now finds it hard to believe that he is one of the few still here as most have now gone to that big terminus in the sky. When Tavistock lost its railways, a lot of good railwaymen were thrown on the scrapheap, men good at their jobs just cast aside: they did not want to see their living destroyed.



*Caption: D809 pauses at Tavistock North with the 1040 Plymouth-Brighton, 16 February 1967. This picture was taken just three weeks before the train was permanently diverted to run Plymouth to Exeter via Newton Abbot.*

Admission free, but £2 donation greatly appreciated. Hot drinks and cake available

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