

# Enrolling:

## Join or Rejoin the Friends

To join the Friends, or renew your membership, please fill out the form and send it with your cheque (payable to The Friends of Darlington Railway Centre and Museum) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

June Palmer, Membership Secretary  
Friends of Darlington Railway Centre and Museum  
9 Millfields  
Aycliffe Village  
Newton Aycliffe  
County Durham  
DL5 6ND

It may well be possible to arrange your membership on the spot if you come to one of the monthly meetings but it would still be best to contact the Membership Secretary first:

[membership@friendsofdrcm.org](mailto:membership@friendsofdrcm.org)

Membership of the Friends goes by calendar year to make administration easier for our unpaid Membership Secretary. Your membership will expire at the end of December of the year in which you enrol. There is a half-year price for memberships commencing after the June talk. Late in the year you will be expected to pay full price but that will enrol you for the following year. Current members should pay full price and your membership will continue uninterrupted.

If you are in any doubt which enrolment fee applies, what period that fee enrolls you for or have any other questions please contact the Membership Secretary.

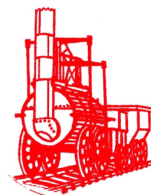
A digital Newsletter is now available distributed by e-mail. All the content from the print edition is included but it is distinct from the back numbers available on the website adding some on-line features and full colour throughout. If you would prefer the digital edition please be sure to complete that part of the form.

A section has been added to the form for anyone wishing to include a donation to the Friends in addition to the enrolment fee. *This is optional* and has been introduced to clarify matters as some do so already. All donations will help the Friends support the Museum and play a part in what we hope will be a memorable decade leading up to 2025.

If you downloaded this document it will appear oddly laid out on screen. It is intended to be printed double-sided then folded in half to form an A5 leaflet with this as the back page, the introduction to the right on the front and the talks programme and enrolment form (page two as it appears on the screen) inside.

If you print it you can cut it in half, use the form and keep the programme. Note that for the form and programme you need only print the second page and you certainly do not need to print it in colour.

If you have no printer, or just want to save on ink, you need not print it at all to join but please use the form as a guide and be sure to provide all the information requested in it- and make a note of the above address or you might have to download it again.



# Friends of Darlington Railway Centre and Museum

## Talks Programme and Membership Form for 2018

Darlington Railway Museum, now marketed as “Head of Steam”, is housed in the North Road station building opened in 1842 by the world-famous Stockton and Darlington Railway. The Museum is owned and run by Darlington Borough Council and presents the story of Darlington and its central role in railway history. George Stephenson's Locomotion No1 takes pride of place at the head of a line of Darlington built locomotives surrounded by other exhibits. Much of the permanent exhibition will entertain anyone with a general interest in Darlington and there is a varied programme of exhibitions on non-railway subjects. The facilities also include the Northern Rail Activity Room, a children's play room, a conference facility, the Ken Hoole Study Centre with its extensive archive and a café.

The Friends is a non-profit organization existing to help promote and support Darlington Railway Centre and Museum as well as presenting regular talks for members. The programme for 2018 is listed overleaf along with an enrolment form. All comers are welcome to the talks although we do request a £2 donation from non-members. Whether your interest is in the history or future of railways, their engineering or operation, the Friends' programme has something for you. Benefits also include a newsletter and free entry to the Museum.

Space is limited here but you can find out more about both the Friends and the Museum at the Friend's web-site noted below along with the Museum's own site. It includes further information and links to other sites of railway interest. Remember- if you don't have Internet access your library does.

[www.friendsofdrcm.org](http://www.friendsofdrcm.org)    [www.head-of-steam.co.uk](http://www.head-of-steam.co.uk)

2017 was a year of success for the Museum. Visitor numbers and positive feedback increased steadily to the highest levels for ten years, and progress continued to be made in improving the care of the collections. The Friends gave significant financial support for these activities and by joining us you can ensure that we can continue to do this.

In December 2017 Historic England designated the Stockton & Darlington Railway as one of their Heritage Action Zones, eligible for funding to boost visitor numbers and the local economy for the railway's bicentenary in 2025. Central to the Zone is, of course, the historic cluster of buildings and structures in and around North Road Station and the Railway Museum. Darlington Borough Council has established a Rail Heritage Steering Group to help plan how to improve the museum site to be ready for 2025. With all this going on it's more important than ever to have a strong and active Friends organisation for the museum to make sure that the voices of grassroots supporters are heard by the “movers and shakers” - so please join us today!

I wish to join the Friends of Darlington Railway Museum or renew my membership for the calendar year 2018 (see the back of this leaflet).

Type of membership	Please Tick		Price (½ year)
	New	Renewal	
Individual			£12.00 (£6.00)
Couple			£14.00 (£7.00)
Family (two adults and up to three children)			£15.00 (£7.50)
Senior (60+)			£10.00 (£5.00)
Junior, Student or Unwaged			£5.00 (£2.50)
<b>Optional</b> I include a donation in support of the Friends.			£

I enclose a cheque for a total of £\_\_\_\_\_ (payable to The Friends of Darlington Railway Centre and Museum) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Name(s):	
For Joint and Family memberships please name all individuals requiring a card. Only one Family membership card need be presented for free family entry to the Museum.	
Address:	
Post Code:	Country:
'Phone Number:	E-mail:
If you wish to receive the digital Newsletter which will be in PDF format delivered as an e-mail attachment of a few megabytes please tick this box. <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>DATA PROTECTION:</b> We will store and use your personal details ONLY for the purposes of maintaining memberships, providing activities to members, and contacting members with news and updates about Friends' events and activities and about Darlington Railway Museum. We will <u>never</u> pass your details to <u>any</u> other organisation. The Friends Data Protection Officer is the Membership Secretary. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please tick this box to indicate that you give your consent to this, otherwise we will be unable to contact you. <input type="checkbox"/>	

You should receive your membership card within a few days. Hold on to it- you will need it to gain free entrance to the Museum and the lectures.

# DIARY:

## Friends of DRCM Talks Programme

### Friends Meetings for 2018

Meetings are at the Museum usually taking place in the Conference Room. To reduce the expense to the Museum of hosting the Friends all meetings take place in the afternoon during opening hours allowing it to save considerably on lighting, overtime, etc. Meetings commence at 1:45pm with the talk starting after any news and announcements to members.

Most of the dates listed are the first Thursday of the month but the February and November meetings will take place on Saturdays to better allow employed members the opportunity to attend some talks. There will be no second talk in September and no meetings in July or August.

- Thursday 4 January **Darlington Railway Museum: Update.** Sarah Gouldsbrough.
- Saturday 10 February **Disused Railway Stations.** Alan Young.
- Thursday 1 March **Land of Iron.** Tom Mutton of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park.
- Thursday 5 April **Annual General Meeting** then talk: **Steam Locomotives in America 1828 to 1840.** Ray State.
- Thursday 3 May **History and Development of the Darlington Railway Museum.** Stephen Dyke.
- Thursday 7 June **The History, Development and Current Role of British Transport Police.** Timothy Woolven, British Transport Police.
- July and August **No Meeting.**
- Thursday 6 September **Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Update.** Niall Hammond and Caroline Hardie.
- Thursday 4 October **Living North Eastern.** David Thomas.
- Saturday 10 November **The Barnard Castle Railway.** Chris Lloyd, Northern Echo.
- Thursday 6 December **Christmas Social.** Refreshments and quiz.

This list is offered in good faith but errors can creep in and plans can change due to illness for example. The programme is listed on the Events page of the Friends' web-site and, if there is any change, that will be updated when new information is available if the webmaster has any notice.