

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@friendsofdrbcm.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.

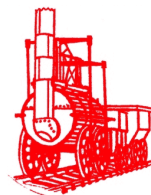
A digital Newsletter is now available distributed by e-mail. All the content from the print edition is included but it is distinct from the back numbers available on the website adding some on-line features and full colour throughout. If you would prefer the digital edition please be sure to complete 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 Enrolment Form for 2017

Darlington Railway Museum is housed in the North Road station building opened in 1842 by the world famous Stockton and Darlington Railway. It 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 its history 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 2017 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.friendsofdrbcm.org www.head-of-steam.co.uk

The Museum is owned and run by Darlington Borough Council. In 2014 the Council decided to cease financing the Museum from April 2016. That decision has since been reversed but the reasons behind it (the Council's own reduced budget and disappointing visitor numbers since refurbishment) remain and it should not be assumed that the Museum is safe from closure.

Nobody believes that the Museum somehow deserves a free ride but with the worldwide interest in railways, Darlington's part in national and international railway history and the Museum's key role as the public face of Darlington's railway heritage it should hardly need one especially given the Council's announced intention to celebrate that heritage in a series of events leading up to the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 2025. Needless to say we think the Museum worth preserving and the outcry that changed the Council's decision suggests that many people agree.

Please visit the Museum, increasing visitor numbers will help it survive, and please consider joining us. The Museum needs Friends.

I wish to join the Friends of Darlington Railway Museum or renew my membership for the calendar year 2017 (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)
Optional 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):	
Membership number if renewing:	
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:
Additional contact details may be used in the event of a late change to the programme- they will certainly not be passed on to other organizations.	
'Phone Number:	E-mail:
To receive the digital edition of the Newsletter tick here. It will be sent by e-mail as a large attachment- typically at least three megabytes.	

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 2017

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 Thursdays, usually the first Thursday of the month but please note that there are exceptions. Those for February and November will take place on Saturdays to better allow employed members the opportunity to attend some talks. The second September talk near the anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway is on the 28th with the following October meeting bumped to the 12th (the second Thursday) to avoid having meetings on consecutive weeks. There is no meeting in August as usual.

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| Thursday 5 January | Darlington Railway Museum: Preview and Review.
Sarah Gouldsbrough and Leona White-Hannant. |
| Saturday 4 February | New French Light Rail Systems in the 21st Century.
Graham Jellett. |
| Thursday 2 March | Change or Cherish- Making the Past Work for Tomorrow.
Caroline Hardie |
| Thursday 6 April | A.G.M. then talk: A Brief Encounter with <i>Flying Scotsman</i>.
Sam Woods. |
| Thursday 4 May | The Great Locomotive Chase- The Andrews Raid of 1862 and Buster Keaton's <i>The General</i>. Ray State. |
| Thursday 1 June | The History, Development and Current Role of British Transport Police. Timothy Woolven. |
| Thursday 6 July | Steam in Northumbria. Ian McInnes. |
| August | No Meeting. |
| Thursday 7 September | The Tanfield Railway Past and Present. Alan Thompson. |
| Thursday 28 September | Rocket Man With Cousin Jacks- Robert Stephenson in Colombia. Michael Taylor. |
| Thursday 12 October | The Tyne and Wear Metro- Two Centuries in the Making- Plans for the Future. Huw Lewis. |
| Saturday 4 November | A Railwayman For All Seasons. Philip Benham. |
| Thursday 7 December | Christmas Get-Together.
Quiz and Video- member contributions. |

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.