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RAILWAY & CANAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Railway & Canal Historical Society was founded in 1954. Its objective is to bring together all those seriously interested in the history of transport, with particular reference to railways and waterways, although the Society also caters for those interested in roads, docks, coastal shipping and air transport

The East Midlands Group normally meets on the first Friday evening of each month from October to April in Beeston. During the summer months tours and visits are made to places of historical interest and importance in the transport field. Full details of the R & C H S can be obtained from the EM Group Secretary: Bob Bramson, 16 Blackden Close, BELPER, DE56 0DL Telephone (01773) 825991

Kirkby in Ashfield C 1914



Railway and Canal Historical Society



Industrial Heritage Day

EMIAC 96

Saturday 11th May 2019

To be held at the The Summit Centre
Pavilion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7LL.

Mansfield & Pinxton Railway (1819)

Introduction

EMIAC 96 is hosted by the East Midlands Group of the Railway & Canal Historical Society.



Above: Example of a 3 feet (915mm) long Cast Iron Edge Rail of the Mansfield and Pinxton Railway Circa 1819.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield was once an important centre of coal mining and railways in west Nottinghamshire, with three active coal mines and several railway junctions. The former Mansfield and Pinxton Railway opened in 1819, connecting the Cromford Canal with Mansfield, passing through Kirkby-in-Ashfield. The Erewash Valley line was joined here by the later Midland Railway line from Nottingham. The Great Central Railway main line passed to the south-west side of the town and had a double junction with the Great Northern Railway Leen Valley Extension line to Langwith Junction and the Mansfield Railway to Clipstone. British Rail rerouted lines in the area in 1972 to eliminate level crossings and the Robin Hood Line opened in 1993, utilising the routes of several of the earlier railways.

This relatively small area thus has a rich industrial and historic past.

Industrial Heritage Days

Industrial Heritage Days, also known as East Midlands Industrial Archaeology Conferences (EMIACs) are events that are held every six months and are open to anyone wishing to attend with an interest in the subject.

The first conference was held in 1970 with the idea and aim of enabling industrial archaeologists in the East Midlands to meet in different locations to consider and discuss topics of mutual interest.

There is no formal organisation. The affiliated societies are currently:

- Derbyshire Archaeological Society
- The East Midlands Group of the Railway and Canal Historical Society
- Northampton Industrial Archaeology Group
- Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology
- Leicestershire Industrial History Society

Location

The morning meeting will be held at the Summit Centre, Pavilion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7LL

By car from the North

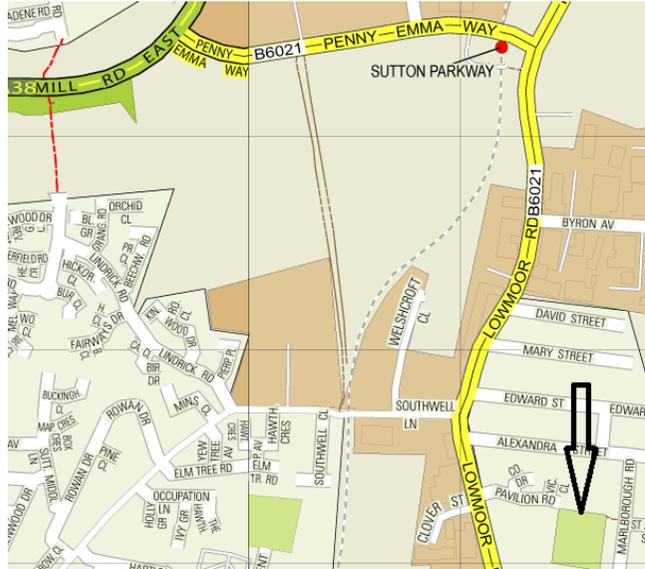
M1 Leave the M1 at J28. On the roundabout, take the first turning on the left A38 towards Mansfield for about 3 miles. At the 6th set of the traffic lights turn right onto the B6021 for Kirkby in Ashfield. After Sutton Parkway railway station, at the end of the road turn right onto Lowmoor Road for approximately ¾ mile, then turn left onto Pavilion Road. The Summit Centre is on the left and has excellent parking capacity.

By car from the South

M1 Leave the M1 at J28. On the roundabout, take the fourth turning on the left A38 towards Mansfield for about 3 miles. At the 6th set of the traffic lights turn right onto the B6021 for Kirkby in Ashfield. After Sutton Parkway railway station, at the end of the road turn right onto Lowmoor Road for approximately ¾ mile, then turn left onto Pavilion Road. The Summit Centre is on the left and has excellent parking capacity.

By Rail

There are two stations, Kirkby in Ashfield (south end) and Sutton Parkway (north end). Walking to the Summit Centre takes about 20 minutes (approx. ¾ mile) from either end.



Programme

- 9.00 Set up
- 9.30 Registration, tea and coffee
- 9.50 Welcome and introduction by Graham Wild, Past President of the Railway and Canal Historical Society
- 10.00 'Coal Mining Link with the Mansfield and Pinxton Railway', Dr David Amos
- 10.45 Break, coffee and biscuits
- 11.15 'Josiah Jessop and Early Railways', Martyn Taylor-Cockayne
- 12.00 EMIAC Business Meeting
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Afternoon: Site visit to Portland Park

Site Visit and History

Walk through the town to Portland Park led by speakers David Amos and Martyn Taylor-Cockayne to view the remains and location of the confluence of the various railways in the area. Afternoon tea and cakes will be available in the Wild Rabbit café after the walk. An easy return walk of 2½ miles out and back. See booking form for those requiring a lift to the park.

Portland Park was donated to the people of Kirkby by the 6th Duke of Portland as a series of gifts dating from 1910. A small area of what is now the park was leased to Kirkby Urban Council from this date and in 1914 the Duke and Duchess of Portland gifted the remainder of the land. The Council developed 'Portland Park' as a formal recreational area for local people. Features originally included formal gardens, paddling pools (now ponds) and a bowling green. The main pond known as Victoria Lake was created in 1914.

Up until the 1960's all the paths within the park crossed over or under railway bridges. The main pathway to the west of the park was originally an embankment built to carry the first railway within the district, which was one of the first pre-steam railways in the country. The railway lines were built to serve the former local coal mining industry and the majority are now disused.

EMIAC 96 Booking form - Kirkby in Ashfield, Saturday 11th May 2019.

Please complete this form and return to the address below by 26th April. Please post booking form and cheque made payable to RCHS East Midlands Group to Rod Sladen, RCHS EMIAC, 25 Linden Grove, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2AD. The cost of the event is £20 per person. If there are any queries please e-mail Bob Bramson at bob.bramson@btinternet.com. We will e-mail confirmation of your booking. If you do not have e-mail or would prefer to receive a written confirmation by post, then please enclose an SAE.