

Leicestershire Industrial History Society

Summer visits 2010



Cropston Reservoir and Newtown Linford

Saturday 5th June

Leader David Ramsey

09.45 – 11.00 A guided tour of Severn Trent HQ at Cropston



09.45 Meet at Severn Trent HQ – see map. Plenty of parking within.

11.15 – 12.20 Walk from Cropston to Newtown Linford.

This will be followed by lunch at the Badgers Sett pub, Cropston village.

Details

The guided tour of Severn Trent HQ at Cropston will include the filter beds, the

Victorian gardens and, almost certainly, a trip up the tower.

The walk from Cropston to Newtown Linford is optional. Those not wishing to walk can stroll around Cropston, sit in the sun (hopefully!) and join us in the pub later.

The walk, guided by David Ramsey, will start from, **The Badgers Sett**, along **The Broadgate** (Causeway Lane – immediately opposite, **The Badgers Sett**) entering Bradgate Park close to Bradgate House ruins. An explanation of how Bradgate Park was expanded circa 1500 by the removal of a small village which had set up close to what is now Hallgates car-park. The Marquis of Dorset (Grey Family), the Prior of Ulverscroft and the Abbot of Garendon were all involved with the depopulation. We pass through one of the fields where the bricks for Bradgate House were fired in clamps and over one of the pre 1500 Park boundaries. David Ramsey will outline the history of Newtown Linford village, which is first mentioned in the late 13th century and point out how the early settlement slowly spread along the Main Street. If you have a copy of David's book, ***Was there a village called Bradgate?*** please bring this with you, as the maps will prove very useful.

Actual Walking time - approximately 45 minutes, plus say 20 minutes for questions and explanations. Ground conditions usually firm and near level.

The Vaughan College History walking group will join our party for both parts and, as they have booked the Newtown Linford Village Hall next to **The Bradgate** pub in Main Street, we are welcome to use the facilities there.

There needs to be some car sharing so that cars are available at both the Cropston and Newtown ends of the walk but this can be sorted out easily nearer to June 5th.

Prior Booking Essential

PLEASE BOOK BY MAY 27th – earlier if possible

To book either email David Ramsey on ramsey@uk-free.co.uk

Or Phone Wendy Freer on 01530 411818

When booking please state whether you will be taking part in the Severn Trent visit, the walk or both and whether you will be joining us for lunch. You should also let us know if you have special dietary needs for the purpose of booking lunch.

PLEASE NOTE LIHS will be making a charge of £3 to cover administrative costs.

Kibworth Harcourt Windmill

Saturday 14th August

Leaders David Holmes and Wendy Freer

10.15 – 11.45 Short walk along the Grand Union Canal. Meet at the **lower** car park, **bottom** of Foxton locks.

12.00 – 1.15 Visit to Kibworth Harcourt Windmill. Meet in the yard at Windmill Farm, Langton Road, Kibworth Harcourt. [LE8 0PR](#)

The mill visit will be followed by a pub lunch at The Coach and Horses, Kibworth.

Details

Kibworth Harcourt is the only remaining post mill in Leicestershire and one of about 40 that still exist round the country. It is not normally open to the public so don't miss this chance to visit it. David Holmes will be our guide at the mill.

For those wishing to make more of a morning of it, Wendy Freer will organise a short walk (3 to 4 miles) from Foxton locks, along the canal to Debdale and, depending on time available, possibly back via Gumley.

Not an official part of the visit but you may want to take the opportunity of visiting Market Harborough Museum after lunch to see the Hallaton Hoard. The Museum is open until 4.15pm and it is free to enter.

Prior Booking Essential

PLEASE BOOK BY AUGUST 5th – *earlier* if possible

To book either email Wendy Freer wendy@wfreer.freeserve.co.uk

Or Phone Wendy Freer on 01530 411818

When booking please state whether you will be taking part in the mill visit, the walk or both and whether you will be joining us for lunch. You should also let us know if you have special dietary needs for the purpose of booking lunch.

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Cromford Canal and Cromford

Sunday 5th September

Leader Wendy Freer

10.30 am Meet at Ambergate station car park, Ambergate Derbyshire DE56 2EN. This is a free carpark but is quite small and seems to be quite popular with walkers so come early to get a space!

We will walk along the Cromford Canal to Cromford (about 5 ½ miles), have Sunday lunch at a pub (to be decided) in Cromford and then catch a local train from Cromford back to Ambergate.

Optional afternoon activities: Visit Cromford mills or the Midland Railway Centre at Swanwick near Butterley.

Lunch I am willing to make a block booking for those who let me know they are definitely coming by August 25th. You are welcome to join us after that date but will need to make your own arrangements for lunch.