

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

Membership of the Friends now runs from February to the end of the following January so that we can send out renewal notices after the Christmas postal rush is over. 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.

During the year we send out occasional Newsletters and members updates. The default option is to send these by email if we have an email address for you - this saves the Friends hundreds of pounds a year which we can then donate to the museum. But if you do NOT want to receive Newsletters by email please let us know.

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 2020

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 organisation existing to help promote and support Darlington Railway Centre and Museum as well as presenting regular talks for members. The programme for 2020 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**.

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.

www.friendsofdrcm.org www.head-of-steam.co.uk

Visitor numbers at the museum are now at their highest for many years and progress continues to be made in improving the care of the collections. The Friends have given significant financial support for these activities and by joining us you can ensure that we can continue to do this.

In January 2020 Darlington Borough Council approved an ambitious £20m Development Master Plan, funded by the Tees Valley Combined Authority, to refurbish and develop the museum and its surroundings. Under the working title of **Darlington Rail Heritage Quarter** the intention is to develop the Quarter into an international visitor attraction and museum before 2025 to enable Darlington to be a central part of the Bicentenary celebrations of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. Current ideas (subject to modification as the plan develops) are for the Goods Shed to become the main museum reception and orientation space; the refurbished main station to focus on the story of the Stockton and Darlington Railway from 1825; a public park in the museum grounds; live railway engineering on site; a new car park with disabled-friendly access to the museum, and direct access from North Road station. **These are exciting times for the museum - join us now and be part of the journey!**

I wish to join the Friends of Darlington Railway Museum or renew my membership for the year Feb 2020-Jan 2021 (Membership Secretary's address on the rear)

Type of membership	Please Tick		Price (½ year)
	New	Renewal	
Individual			£12.00 (£6.00)
Couple			£16.00 (£8.00)
Family (two adults and up to three children)			£16.00 (£8.00)
Senior (60+)			£12.00 (£6.00)
Junior, Student or Unwaged			£6.00 (£3.00)
Optional I include a donation in support of the Friends.			£
Total			£

I enclose cash/a cheque (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.	
Address:	
Post Code:	Country:
'Phone Number:	E-mail:
If you wish to receive Newsletters by email please tick this box. Sending Newsletters by email saves the Friends hundreds of pounds a year which we can give to the museum, so please tick this option if you possibly can. <input type="checkbox"/>	
DATA PROTECTION: We will store and use your personal details ONLY for the purposes of maintaining memberships, sending the digital edition of the Newsletter, 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. IMPORTANT: Please tick this box to indicate that you understand and 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 Feb 2020 to Jan 2021

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.

The February, September and November meetings are on Saturdays. All other meetings are on the first Thursday of the month with the single exception of January which is a week later to avoid the New Year holiday. There are no meetings in July or August.

- Saturday 8 February **Building the replica NER G5 locomotive at Shildon.** Bernard Morris.
- Thursday 5 March **Operating the National Collection.** Anthony Coulls, National Railway Museum.
- Thursday 2 April **Annual General Meeting then A Trip Across the Border Scotland Part 1.** Sam Woods.
- Thursday 7 May **The Gresley Streamliners.** Chris Nettleton of the Gresley Society.
- Thursday 4 June **The North Eastern Railway's Nidd Valley Branch.** Chris Henderson, North Eastern Railway Association
- Saturday 12 September **The Advanced Passenger Train.** Kit Spackman, APT-E Tilt Engineer for British Rail.
- Thursday 1 October **The History of Railway Electrification in Britain.** Bob Gwynne, National Railway Museum
- Saturday 7 November **Ports and Railways on Teesside.** Steve Frost.
- Thursday 3 December **Christmas Social.** Refreshments and quiz.
- Thursday 7 January **Museum Review of 2020 and Look Forward to 2021** 2021 (TBC)

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.