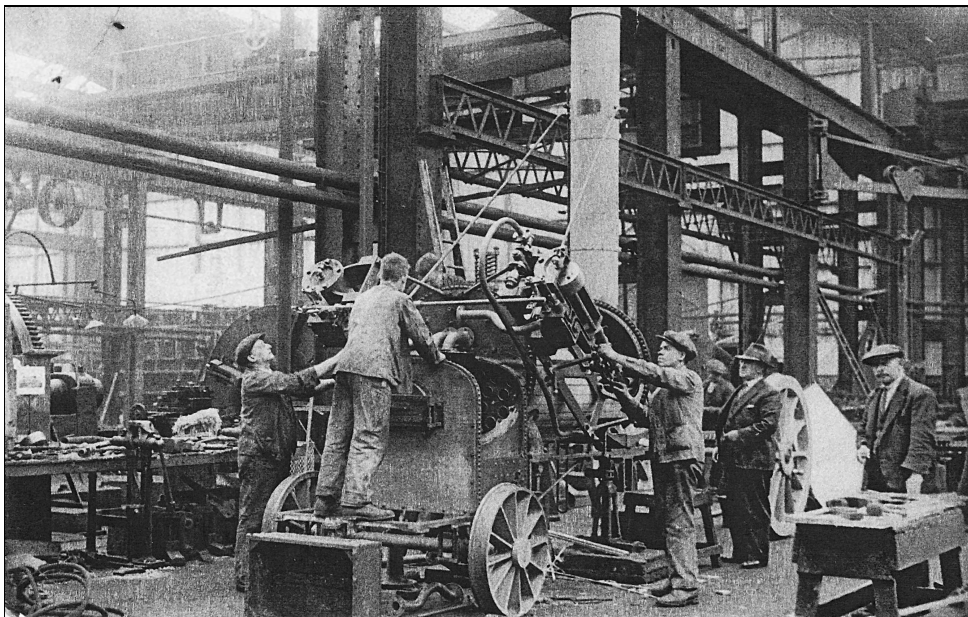


# Newsletter

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You could be forgiven for thinking so but this is not Robert Stephenson and Company's Forth Street Works c.1829. Unearthed by the Friends' Archivist Don Whitfield this photo' is from Darlington in January 1935 and documents the construction of a replica *Rocket*. Everyone in the picture is identified- left to right Hubert Prior Senior, Joe Robinson Junior, Syd Thomas, Joe Robinson Senior, Bob Catchpole (background), Andy Whitfield (Erecting Shop Foreman and Don's father) and Alf Richmond (joiner).

This replica, now with the NRM, was never functional intended from the start to be a cutaway representation of *Rocket* in its original form. Intriguingly the contemporary caption describes it as "the fourth replica *Rocket*". Two working replicas were built by RS&Co. in 1929 for museums in the US but an earlier replica appears in a postcard sold by the LNWR. In 1923, a working reproduction of the rebuilt *Rocket*, though unnamed and sporting whimsical additions, was made for Buster Keaton's *Our Hospitality* by, or at the behest of, his studio and used in later films including John Ford's *The Iron Horse*.

# Christmas Bash:

6 December 2012

At a typically free-wheeling Christmas get-together the Friends enjoyed a challenging quiz set by John Dodds. How would you have done? You can find out below- if memory serves the winning score was 18. November's speaker Ian McInnes returned and, after the arguments caused by the quiz had been settled and the casualties treated, he showed the remainder of his slides from the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. There followed a convivial half hour or so where everyone did their best to consume the food generously provided by the Museum or brought by several of the Friends.

## Christmas Quiz 2012

1. What was (is) Darlington's Shed number?
2. Who wrote the *Thomas the Tank Engine* books?
3. Who surveyed the original route for the Stockton and Darlington Railway?
4. What was the wheel arrangement of LNER No.10000- a.k.a. W1 or the Hush Hush?  
(There are two acceptable answers to this- get it exactly right to be sure of a point)
5. And what was her boiler pressure?
6. Who designed the Newcastle High Level Bridge? (Christian name required.)
7. What is the catenary voltage on the East Coast Main Line?
8. *Mallard* achieved 126mph on what date in 1938?
9. With reference to the West Highland Railway who was "Concrete Bill"?
10. What colour were loco's on the LNWR?
11. What was the surname of Edward Thompson's wife before their marriage?
12. What is the driving wheel diameter of *Blue Peter*?
13. What do local people call Doncaster Works?
14. After the war A4 Pacific *Golden Shuttle* was renamed. What was her new name?
15. If an engine is referred to as an "ST" what does the S stand for?
16. What is the name of the preserved V2?
17. What was Bullied (Senior)'s Christian name?
18. Who drove *Mallard* at 126mph?
19. In the early days of rail what was the popular name for a wagon in which horses rode?
20. What name is given to a loco' with a 4-4-2- wheel arrangement?
21. What railway did Stephenson build over Chat Moss?
22. What was the driving-wheel diameter of P. Stirling's 4-2-2 single?
23. Complete this Fred Dibnah quote: "It doesn't matter what you do as long as you don't..."
24. Which railway company originally used Ribbleshead Viaduct?
25. What was the family's surname in *The Railway Children*?

And a couple of tie-breakers:

What is the height in feet of Ais Gill Summit?

What is peculiar about the wheels on the middle driving axle of a BR Standard class 9F?

1. 51A. 2. The Reverend Wilbert Vere Awdry OBE. 3. Overton. 4. 4-6-2-2 to be scrupulous. 4-6-4 (is arguably) acceptable. 5. 450psi. 6. Robert Stephenson. 7. 25kV (25,000 volts). 8. 3 July. 9. Bill McAlpine. 10. Black. 11. Raven. 12. 6'2". 13. The Plant. 14. Dwight D. Eisenhower. 15. Saddle. 16. Green Arrow. 17. Oliver. 18. Joe Duddington. 19. A Dandy Cart. 20. An Atlantic. 21. The Liverpool and Manchester. 22. Eight feet. 23. "...lose the shovel." 24. The Midland Railway. 25. Waterbury.

Tie Breakers: 1169ft. Its wheels have no flanges.

### Worst ... Newsletter ... Ever!

Your editor's usual panic when faced with a blank screen (and me, for once, having had other things to do) has given way to the need to get the Newsletter out resulting in this slim but, I hope, useful volume. Apologies- I do want to get the talks written up at some point.

### Westbrook Heritage Trail Walks

The Westbrook Villas Association ([www.communigate.co.uk/ne/westbrook](http://www.communigate.co.uk/ne/westbrook)) is offering a free guided walk exploring the history of the Westbrook area of Darlington and it's links with railways. Four walks are planned for 2013, all will start from the Museum at 2pm. The dates are Sunday 28 February, Sunday 14 April, Thursday 4 July and Sunday 15 September.

### Vintage Traction Action

This information is taken from [www.uksteam.info](http://www.uksteam.info), [www.railtourinfo.co.uk](http://www.railtourinfo.co.uk) and various railtour operators own websites. How much information there is available about rail-tours varies from operator to operator. The information here is repeated in good faith but do check nearer the time. There are links to uksteam and railtourinfo in the Friends' website.

Saturday 2 February. UK Railtours' *Esk Valley Panorama* will run from King's Cross to Whitby and return- traction to be arranged as are, it seems, timings north of Peterborough.

Saturday 30 March. The Railway Touring Company's *Wansbeck* will travel from Newcastle to Morpeth, back round the Blyth-Tyne loop south to Boulby and Whitby (having doubled back to Middlesbrough) then return to Newcastle top-and-tailed by Thompson K1 62005 *Lord of the Isles* and Gresly K4 61994 *The Great Marquess*.

Newcastle 09:00, Middlesbrough 12:30, Boulby 13:30, Whitby a.15:30.  
Whitby d.17:30, Middlesbrough 16:40, Newcastle 21:15.

Saturday 30 March. Compass Tours' *White Rose Moorlander* will run from Saltburn to Normanton and return probably top-and-tailed by class 47s.

Saltburn 06:00, Middlesbrough 06:45, Eaglescliffe 07:10, Northallerton 07:30, York 08:15  
York 20:30, Northallerton 21:00, Eaglescliffe 21:20, Middlesbrough 21:45, Saltburn 22:25

Wednesday 3 April. Carnforth Station Heritage Centre's *Yorkshire Coast Express* is listed on UKSteam to run from Crewe to Scarborough but not on their own site. Best of luck.

Saturday 6 April. Pathfinder Tours' *Eidyn Burgh Scot* (sic), rescheduled from November, will run from Crewe to Edinburgh passing York at 09:15 and return via the Settle-Carlisle line behind Deltic D9009 *Alycidon*.

Saturday 13 April. Steam Dream's *Cathedrals Express*, previously vaguely noted as 14 March, will run from King's Cross to Durham and return behind 60163 *Tornado*.

York 13:00, Durham a.14:10, d.17:00, York 18:00

Saturday 27 April. Compass Tours' *Lakeland Moorlander* will leave Bishop Auckland to explore the Cumbrian Coast and Settle and Carlisle then return top-and-tailed by class 47s.

Bishop Auckland West 07:45, Darlington 08:25, Northallerton 08:40, York 09:10  
York 20:15, Northallerton 20:35, Darlington 21:00, Bishop Auckland West 21:40

Sunday 28 April. The Railway Touring Company's *Great Britan VI* railtour will cover its Edinburgh-Kings Cross leg behind A3 4472 *Flying Scotsman* (it says here) to York handing over to A4 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley*. No timings available at the moment.

### Friends Meetings for 2013

Meetings are at the Museum usually taking place in the Conference Room on the first Thursday of the month. The times vary taking advantage of the long evenings in Summer with Winter meetings in the afternoons when the Museum is open allowing it to save considerably on lighting, overtime, etc. and attendees to travel in daylight.

All the dates listed are Thursdays but note that there are *two* exceptions to the usual first Thursday schedule in the remainder of 2013. The second September talk near the anniversary of the S&DR is reintroduced on the 26th which, in turn, pushes the October meeting back avoiding meetings on consecutive weeks.

This list is offered in good faith but misprints can occur and plans can change. The Events page of the Friends web-site ([www.friendsofdrcom.org](http://www.friendsofdrcom.org)) is kept as up-to-date as possible. Non-members are always welcome to meetings but we do ask for a donation.

- 7 February, 1:45 **Rails Over the Monaro, New South Wales.**  
Andrew Everett
- 7 March, 1:45 **The Tees Valley Metro.**  
Jonathan Spruce B.A.
- 4 April, 7:15 **AGM then talk: Rockliffe and the Railways.**  
Chris Lloyd
- 2 May, 7:15 **Armstrong's Alternative Alphabets.**  
Richard Barber.
- 6 June, 7:15 **Darlington's Forgotten Branch Lines.** David Corfield and Robin Coulthard (see also the Museum programme)
- 4 July, 7:15 **Steam in and Around Darlington**  
Chris Nettleton
- 5 September, 7:15 **The Advanced Passenger Train from a Different Slant**  
Kit Spackman
- 26 September, 1:45 **The Role of Railroads in America's Civil War.**  
Ray State
- 10 October, 1:45 **George and Robert Stephenson.**  
Geoff Hughes
- 7 November, 1:45 **The Origins of the North Eastern Railway**  
Charles McNab
- 5 December, 1:45 **Christmas Get-Together**

The printed edition of this Newsletter mistakenly lists June's talk as The N.E. Railway Association. David Corfield is NERA's Vice Chairman and Robin Coulthard its Archivist but, although will introduce the Association, the main topic will be as listed here.

2013's speaker programme was arranged by Gill Wetherell who took over as Chairman of the depleted Committee last year. She will not continue to do double duty so, unless a new Programme Secretary steps forward, there will be no talks after this year. If you (or a few of you) would like to bolster the Friends by taking over speaker finding you can contact Gill at meetings or by e-mail at [chairman@friendsofdrcom.org](mailto:chairman@friendsofdrcom.org).

# Museum Programme

The printed edition of this Newsletter contained several errors in these programme pages for which your editor apologises. This is the corrected Museum programme as currently available. See the Museum's own programme or website ([www.head-of-steam.co.uk](http://www.head-of-steam.co.uk)) for details and updates. The Museum's programme of educational workshops for schools is not available as this Newsletter is being prepared. Contact the Museum's Access and Learning Officer Sarah Gouldsbrough (01325 734128 [sarah.gouldsbrough@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.gouldsbrough@darlington.gov.uk)) or, again, see the Museum website or programme for information.

## Exhibitions

***Titanic Honour & Glory.*** Currently to Sunday 31 March. Touring exhibition marking the centenary of the maritime disaster. See below for associated events.

**150th Anniversary of North Road Works:** Saturday 6 April to Sunday 2 June. The Museum and NERA remember North Road Works site (opened in 1863 and closed in 1966), the locomotives built there and people who worked there. [www.ner.org.uk](http://www.ner.org.uk).

**Cleveland Bridge Company in Photographs:** Tuesday 7 May to Sunday 9 June. Photographs from the Cleveland Bridge Collection to celebrate the Festival of the North East. The Darlington based Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company was established in 1877. The display will document projects including Middlesbrough's Transporter Bridge.

**Darlington's Forgotten Branch Lines.** June. A display curated by NERA with photographs from NERA's collections.

**The British Wildlife Photography Awards Exhibition.** 6 June to 6 August. Details not yet available. [www.bwpawards.org](http://www.bwpawards.org).

**Saving a Century.** Tuesday 2 to Wednesday 31 July. Curated by architectural historian, Gavin Stamp with archive photographs and material from the Victorian Society's fifty years changing public attitudes towards the best of nineteenth century architecture.

**North Eastern Signal Boxes.** September. A display curated by NERA with photographs from NERA's collections.

**Track Across Time.** Monday 14 October to Monday 31 March. A 'Cluster' exhibition by Durham based artists and sculptors.

## Events and Activities

Where prices are not mentioned entry will be covered by the Museum's usual charges. Year pass holders or Friends of DRCM members are free unless otherwise noted.

**Berth: Voices of the Titanic.** Saturday 9 February at 2pm. Local author Natalie Scott reads a selection of her poems, inspired by the Titanic. She will be available to sign copies of her book and answer questions.

**The History Wardrobe presents: Titanic.** Sunday 17 Feb at 2pm (£7.50 to all-comers). Follow the story of famous dress designer Lady Lucy Duff-Gordon- known in Society as 'Lucile'. A presentation of historical costumes, documents and survivor testimonies offering a fascinating glimpse into life on board Titanic and the aftermath of the tragedy.

**Easter Activities.** Sunday 31 March. Join us in the Easter holidays for fun arts and crafts for all the family.

**Vintage Vehicle Rally.** Sunday 19 May. (Separate entry to the outdoor event is £1-family members free.) A variety of rare and unusual vintage vehicles from across the north east and Yorkshire regions gather again for this popular event, activities include mini train ride, arts and crafts and juggling and balloon making

**Festival of the north east - Darlington Folk Club.** June 2013. Details not yet available.

**A Grand Day Out.** 21 July (£1 entry throughout the Museum and Gardens- family members free). Come along to the museums Grand Day Out, entertainment includes flea circus, curiosity shop, coconut shy, operatic society Victorian arts and crafts, Victorian bicycles, Punch and Judy, swingy boats.

**Bookstart Bear Fun Day.** Wednesday 31 July 2013, 12.30-3.30pm. Join Bookstart Bear for an afternoon of all things teddy bear! Stories, face-painting, crafts - why not bring your bear to join in the fun?

**Heritage Open Days & Darlington Model Railway Club weekend.** 14 and 15 September (free). Enjoy free access to the Museum as we participate in the national Heritage Open Days including guided tours by the Friends. Plus, To celebrate their long connection with The Museum, Darlington Model Railway Club will exhibit their working layouts and open their club rooms for tours. There will also be modelling demonstrations and traders.

**Scooby Doo & Little BOO!!!! Halloween Fun Day.** 27 October. Come along to our specially decorated museum and meet the canine crime-solver!!

**Santa at the Station.** Sunday 8, Weekend 14 and 15 and Saturday 21 December. Meet Santa in our magical grotto and receive a Christmas present, entertainment includes mini train ride, arts and crafts. The Museum's standard entrance charges apply but book ahead if you... if your children want to meet Santa.

### Family Arts and Crafts

Art and crafts afternoons for all the family will be taking place at the Museum during school holidays throughout 2013. The events are free to Museum visitors paying the usual entrance charges and run from 1-3pm. Summer holiday activities will have a Saxon theme to celebrate the Lindisfarne Gospels return to Durham.

Dates are: Thursday 21 and Friday 22 February (half-term); Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 11 April (Easter holidays); Tuesday 28, Thursday 30 and May 31 (half-term); Tuesday, Thursday and Friday throughout the summer holidays; Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November (half-term).



**Jack Dee:** There's been a lot of debate recently about the cost of the proposed high speed railway link from London which is planned to shorten journey times. HS2 is forecast to cost £33bn but a recent study has proved you could save all that and still get to London twenty minutes sooner...

...by catching the earlier train.

*I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* from Birmingham.  
BBC Radio 4.

# ***THE FRIENDS:* Introducing the Friends and Darlington Railway Museum**

Darlington Railway Museum "Head of Steam" is housed in the old North Road station building, dating from 1842, on the route of the world famous Stockton and Darlington Railway. It tells the story of Darlington and its central role in railway history. George Stephenson's Locomotion N<sup>o</sup>1 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 but visitors unfortunate enough not to have a consuming interest in railways, perhaps accompanying those who do, will discover a varied programme of exhibitions on non-railway subjects and can enjoy refreshments in the café.

The Museum's facilities also include the Northern Rail Activity Room, a children's play room for younger visitors, a conference facility and the Ken Hoole Study Centre with its extensive archive.

The Friends is a non-profit organization existing to help promote and support Darlington Railway Centre and Museum. Members enjoy regular talks as well as free entry to the Museum and some of its events. Although there is no obligation members can also help at the Museum- for example leading guided tours. You can find out more about both the Friends and the Museum at our web-site.

[www.friendsofdrcm.org](http://www.friendsofdrcm.org)

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

## ***Membership:***

**Join or Rejoin  
the Friends**

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

The Membership Secretary,  
Friends of Darlington Railway Centre and Museum,  
9 Millfields,  
Aycliffe Village,  
Newton Aycliffe,  
Co. Durham.  
DL5 6ND.

Alternatively membership might be arranged on the spot if you come to one of the talks but it would be best to contact the Programme Secretary first:

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

Naturally this form can also be used by non-members to join the Friends.

I would like to join the Friends of Darlington Railway Museum or renew my membership for the year 2013.

Type of membership	Price	Please Tick	
		New	Renewal
Individual	£12.00		
Couple	£14.00		
Family (two adults and up to three children)	£15.00		
Senior (60+)	£10.00		
Junior, Student or Unwaged	£5.00		

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

Name:	
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:

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.