

North East Derbyshire Industrial Archaeology Society

Our interests centre on the industrial heritage of this north-east corner of Derbyshire — an area with a very long and strong history of manufacturing industry, from paper products and pottery, through to glass, textiles, mining, chemicals, iron, steel and a host of heavy engineering.

An area where waterpower and coal had provided the energy, and where turnpike roads, canals and railways were developed to aid distribution.

The Society brings together like minds that have an interest in the subject at whatever level, from the curious, to those who already have extensive knowledge.

**TALKS ARE FREE TO MEMBERS
VISITORS WELCOME,
£3 ON THE DOOR**

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MEETINGS VENUE

St. Thomas' Church Centre,
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Directly opposite Vauxhall garage/ Bristol
Street Motors. On-site parking

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MEETINGS PROGRAMME

2019 – 2020



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NEDIAS 2019-2020 Talks Programme

Monday 9 September, 7:30pm:

Peter Kennett: **“Ecton Copper Mine – from 18th Century riches to 21st Century robots”**

NEDIAS has had two great visits to/down Ecton copper mine led by John Barnatt some years ago. Hear more about the history of this site.

Monday 14 October, 7:30pm

Michael Parkin: **“The Disgrace of Peterloo”**

Cavalry with sabres drawn charged into tens of thousands massed on St Peter’s Field in August 1819 - just 200 years ago this summer. Usually described as a massacre, what really happened and why?

Monday 11 November, 7:30pm

Tony Hill: **“Strutt’s North Mill - Why are Belper and the Strutts so important to the World Heritage Site”**

The original North Mill, completed in 1786 by Jedediah Strutt, was destroyed by fire in 1803. Its replacement was built in 1804 by his son, William, on the foundations of the old mill and is one of the oldest surviving examples of an iron-framed 'fire-proof' building in the world. Hear more about the Strutts and their Belper mills.

Monday 9 December, 7:30pm

Christmas meeting. Talks from members. Accompanied of course by mince pies!

Monday 13 January, 7.30

Darrell Clark: **“Spinners of Fortune”**

Sir Richard Arkwright became one of the richest commoners in the country. His son went into banking, and bought great estates around the country—hear Of the family’s fortunes as they came down through the generations.

Monday 10 February, 7.30

Robert Mee: **“The Industrial Heritage of Langley Mill”**

A succession of corn mills have been at this location on the Erewash for centuries, but the 1779 Erewash Canal was to encourage considerable industrial growth, pottery, manufacture of silk stockings—and even parachutes during WW2. Langley Mill has diverse industrial heritage.

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Brian Naylor: **“Heage Windmill”** and our **AGM**

Built in 1797 and restored in 2002, Heage Windmill, a Grade II* listed building, is the only working six-sailed stone tower windmill in England.

Monday 20 April, 7.30

Mike Ogden: **“Slow Road”** Canal heritage.

Mike’s talk explores the English canals and rivers on a cruise by narrow boat. But he will also include many of the engineering features passed including the workings of Tower Bridge, the Thames flash locks and a mention of “semi-diesels”.

Monday 11 May, 7.30

DAVID WILMOT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Martyn Taylor-Cockayne: **“Josias Jessop”** – the early railway pioneer

Josias was of course the 2nd son of William Jessop, of Butterley ironworks and Cromford Canal fame. Martyn has said that Josias’ involvement with early railways is remarkable and one that needs looking at historically because he very nearly excelled George Stephenson and would have done so, had it not been for a sad twist of fate. Intriguing, we need to hear more!