

Waterways Heritage Day, Saturday 27 June 2015

Programme

- 9.30 Assemble: tea and coffee will be available
- 10.00 Illustrated lecture:
Inland Waterways in the East Midlands before 1600
Philip Riden (University of Nottingham)
- 11.00 Three short illustrated talks:
Trade on the Fossdyke Navigation in the eighteenth century:
Rob Wheeler (Lincoln Record Society)
Dawn Rose: recreating a Chesterfield Canal cuckoo narrow boat: Robin Stonebridge (Chair, Chesterfield Canal Trust)
A Student Project: Trent's floating heritage centre:
Rosemarie Fitton and Nicky Harding (De Montfort University, Leicester)
- 12.00 Lunch (baked potato, choice of fillings, salad; the club has a licensed bar) and a chance to look at bookstalls and displays by waterways groups from around the region.
- 2.00 A guided walk through Newark's riverside heritage, following the Newark Heritage Barge's new trail, ending at the wharf where the *Leicester Trader* is currently under restoration, where **Les Reid, NHB Project Manager**, will talk about progress to date.



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Thanks to a further generous award by the Arts & Humanities Research Council, under its Connected Communities Programme, to the Department of History at The University of Nottingham, the University and Newark Heritage Barge are pleased to present a Waterways Heritage Day on Saturday 27 June 2015. This will showcase some of the historical research and practical conservation currently in progress on the rivers and canals of the East Midlands.

The day school forms part of the AHRC's Connected Communities Festival, a national programme of events intended to strengthen links between universities and local communities.

After a series of talks in the morning, there will be a guided walk along the river in the afternoon. This will mark the launch of Newark Heritage Barge's new 'Trail', intended to bring out for both local people and visitors the rich waterside heritage of the town.

Alongside the talks and the walk, all the waterways heritage organisations in the East Midlands and neighbouring regions are being invited to bring along displays of their work and publications to sell, so there will be an opportunity to see what is going on over a large area of eastern England.

Anyone interested in waterways history, or the local history of Trentside or canalside communities, is very welcome to come to this event, which will be held at Staythorpe Electricity Sports & Social Club, King's Road, Newark NG24 1EW. The club is in the centre of Newark, within walking distance of the bus station, both railway stations, and the main car-parks. There is limited waiting outside the club to unload display material, but not longer-term parking.

There is no charge for the day school, but we do need to know how many people are coming. Please see over for details of how to enrol.

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