

NOTTINGHAM INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009

The Chairman and Committee apologise for the late appearance of this Newsletter, due to unforeseen delays in arranging the Summer visits. However, everything is now on track and we have an interesting programme to offer. This follows on a successful series of meetings in the Spring, when good levels of attendance and interest were experienced.

Summer Visits

The following visits have been arranged and are open to all members, including members of our affiliated groups (Nottingham Society of Engineers and Nottingham Civic Society) and guests, when numbers allow. Please book early for all visits, numbers are limited and it also helps greatly with the organising.

To keep up to date with Association events and activities visit

www.niha10.btinternet.co.uk

**Sat 4 July
3.00 to 5.30pm**

Chairman's Garden Party All members are cordially invited to enjoy an afternoon's refreshment in the extremely pleasant surroundings of Richard and Marjorie Potter's garden, at Burton Joyce (see page 3 for details). **Last date for booking 23 June**

**Wed 29 July
(evening)**

Visit to Trent Signal Box. A rare opportunity to see behind the scenes at this vitally important signal box, which controls a large part of the East Midland Railway system. **Last date for receipt of bookings 11 July.** See page 3 for details.

**Thur 13 Aug
(morning)**

Visit to Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station. A visit of about two hours duration to one of the area's most prominent landmarks and one of Britain's largest power stations. Full details on page 4, but **please note booking deadline of 24 July.**

**Fri 4 Sept
(full day)**

The Humber Bridge and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. A full day out by coach combining a behind the scenes visit to the Humber Bridge and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, at its RAF Coningsby base, including a guided tour of the hangar and maintenance facilities. An excellent opportunity to see these attractions close up - and excellent value! See page 4 for full details.

Autumn Meetings

The committee is currently finalising the Autumn programme, but arrangements have been completed for the September and October meetings, which will be held in Nottingham Central Library and commence at 7.45pm. Details will be sent out shortly before the meeting, but please note the dates in your diary now to avoid disappointment.

- Thurs 24 Sept** **“Battery Powered Vehicles”** **Geoff Pike**
Through his involvement in the family firm, Geoff Pike gained wide experience with these vehicles and his interest continues into retirement. An interesting evening is guaranteed
- Thurs 22 Oct** **“The life of Robert Blincoe”** **Peter Hammond**
Robert Blincoe, an orphan sent at the age of seven to work in Gonalston Mill, will be the subject of this talk by local historian, Peter Hammond.
- Thurs 26 Nov** **To be announced**

Howard Jephson 1928 - 2008

Member Howard Jephson died early in the year, shortly after publication of the Spring Newsletter. His friend and fellow member, Kevin Thorpe has provided this tribute.

Although not from an engineering background Howard became a member of the NIHA as a result of his interest in historical subjects.

After seeing service in the Far East, with the Green Howard's, he worked for many years in the butchery department of Burton's of Smithy Row, before becoming manager of the butchery department of the Nottingham Co-operative Society.

Howard was a well known local amateur sportsman playing football, badminton, golf and cricket for many years.

After serving on Gotham Parish Council for many years he became a Paths Warden for Nottinghamshire County Council, a duty he carried out until serious illness prevented him continuing.

Howard leaves a wife, Patricia, two children and six grandchildren.

The Chairman and committee regret Howard's passing and extend their condolences to his widow and family.

BOOKING DETAILS - EVENTS & VISITS

SEE PAGE 5 FOR BOOKING FORMS

(Members or guests who cannot be accommodated will receive refunds after the closing date. In the event of cancellations received after closing date, refunds may only be made if the place is resold or, in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the committee)

CHAIRMAN'S GARDEN PARTY

An enjoyable afternoon, in the good company of fellow members and those of our affiliated organisation the Nottingham Society of Engineers, is guaranteed at this event. The garden party will be hosted by the Chairman, Richard Potter, and his wife, Marjorie, and will be held on the lawn of their house in Burton Joyce.

Date and time: Saturday 4 July from 3 to 5.30pm.

Venue: Contact secretary for information

Cost: Entrance to this event free to members and one guest.

NOTE: The venue is on the fringe of Burton Joyce, when approaching from Nottingham. Pathfinder buses (No 100) depart Nottingham, Queen Street, every 20 minutes and stop at Cragmore Rd.

Please return slip direct to: NIHA, 38 Forester Road, Thorneywood, Nottingham, NG3 6LP
Last date for receipt 23 June 2009

VISIT TO TRENT SIGNAL BOX

This is a rare opportunity for members to visit this important and busy power signal box, near Long Eaton. Numbers are strictly limited, so please book early. Please note that restrictions on cameras and recording equipment are likely to apply.

The site is not accessible by public transport. We will operate a car sharing arrangement and members intending to drive are asked to indicate the number of passengers they are willing to carry. Directions to the site, along with passenger details, will be given to drivers nearer the date.

Wed 29 July - meet on site at 17.50 for 18.00

Members £2.50 guests (only if space available) £3.50

Please return form to: Paul Clark, 21 Sandfield Rd, Arnold, Nottm. NG5 6QA

DO NOT RETURN THE FORM TO THE SECRETARY

Last date for receipt of bookings 11 July 2009.

Please make cheque payable to "NIHA"

VISIT TO RATCLIFFE ON SOAR POWER STATION

This is an opportunity for a limited number of members to join a two-hour guided tour of one of Britain's largest power stations. Numbers are strictly limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Due to the inaccessibility of the site by public transport, members are asked to share cars. Please indicate on the form if you are able to offer a lift to other members.

Thursday 13 August 2009 - Meet on Site (Entrance from A453) 9.45 for 10.00am
Members £2.00 guests £3.00 (if space available)

Please return form to: NIHA 38 Forester Rd, Thorneywood, Nottm. NG3 6LP
Final Date for Bookings 25 July 2009

Please make cheque payable to "NIHA"

Please note: No cameras, video recorders, filming or data collection will be permitted on the site.

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HUMBER BRIDGE AND BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT

Enjoy a full day coach tour visiting two particularly interesting destinations - the Humber Bridge, for a visit to the control room and a presentation by the Major Projects Manager of the bridge, and RAF Conningsby, for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and guided tour of the flight's maintenance facilities. We are assured that all aircraft are scheduled to be present on the day of our visit.

Friday 4 September 2009 - Depart: Royal Concert Hall 8.45am
(Return expected around 19.00)
Members £20 Guests £22

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Final Date for Bookings 20 August 2009
Please make cheque payable to "NIHA"

BOOKING FORMS - ALL CHEQUES TO BE PAYABLE TO "NIHA"

NIHA GARDEN PARTY SAT 4 JULY 2009

Please return to: NIHA, 38 Forester Road, Thorneywood, Nottingham, NG3 6LP

Please reserve a place at the above garden for myself and partner
(please enter guest's name).

Member's Name..... Address.....

Tel No.....

NIHA VISIT TO TRENT SIGNAL BOX WED 29 JULY 2009

Please return form to: Paul Clark, 21 Sandfield Rd, Arnold, Nottm. NG5 6QA

Please reserve places for members (@2.50 each) and..... guests (£3.50 each -
only if space available). Total payment enclosed £.....

Name:Address.....

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I will be driving and will be able to carry passengers.

I require transport and will negotiate a contribution to costs with the driver yes / no
(indicate as appropriate)

NOTE: THIS FORM SHOULD NOT BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY

NIHA VISIT TO RATCLIFFE POWER STATION - 13 AUGUST 2009

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NIHA VISIT TO HUMBER BRIDGE AND BBMF 4 SEPT. 2009

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