

NOTTINGHAM INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER
Spring / Summer 2008

Rod Parker

We regret to announce that Rod Parker, a former committee member, died at the end of March. Although Rod and his wife, Margaret, moved to Yorkshire several years ago, a considerable number of members remember him - especially for his friendliness, quiet, yet quick, wit and wide knowledge of engineering and transport matters.

Rod, who retired from his post as a contracts manager with Rolls-Royce shortly before leaving Nottingham, was a member of our precursor organisation, the Friends of the Nottingham Museum of Industry and Transport Project and a director of the Trust which would have managed the development of the museum - had it not been sabotaged by Nottingham City Council.

Rod was a great asset to the Association during the years of his membership and many hold affectionate memories of him. The committee has extended its sympathy to Margaret, whose care brought comfort to his final years when ill-health incapacitated him.

Culture, Fun and an Unusual Evening

The Association is proud that its annual evening of readings of passages of prose and poetry with a transport and industrial theme is probably the only such event in the region and attracts supporters from a wide area. These are not evenings for the arty set, but a good opportunity to hear works from the vast range written on the subjects which our society was established to promote. No one takes themselves too seriously and there is plenty of humour bandied about. On top of that, this year's event is to be held in the very convivial surroundings of the King William IV public house, that gem of a pub where we recently held our very enjoyable social evening. And, to add icing to the cake, refreshments will be served during the evening.

An interesting, entertaining and enjoyable evening is promised, so put the date in your diary now:

Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm - King William IV, Manvers Street.

To help identify numbers for catering, please return the booking form - or

inform the secretary by e mail at <david.ablitt@googlemail.com>

I intend to be present at The King William IV on the evening of Thursday 8 May.

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Visit to the East Midlands Aeropark, Castle Donnington

On the initiative of Trevor Fitchett, we have arranged a conducted tour of exhibits at the East Midlands Aeropark, which occupies a site close to the East Midlands Airport runway. Among many exhibits, the museum has twelve complete aircraft including a Vulcan, Spitfire, Lightning, Vampire, Argosy and Meteor. It is anticipated that cockpit/flight deck visits to some of them will be available.

This is a good opportunity to visit the museum in the company of an experienced guide.

Date: Thursday 22 May 2008. Tour of Aeropark 18.30 to 20.30.

Cost: Members £3.50 Guests £4.00

Transport: The Aeropark is within the airport boundary, on the outskirts of Castle Donnington, and the Barton's Rainbow 5 bus from Broadmarsh, stops outside. This service is free to over 60's, while those unfortunates having to pay may buy a "Zig Zag" ticket giving all day travel on Bartons buses for £4.20. Please note that the 17.26 is the last departure due to arrive at the Aeropark in time for the tour and, as travel will be at peak time, members should arrive in good time to board the bus.

Members travelling by car are asked to indicate if they would be willing to give a lift to others (expenses to be settled privately). Drivers should leave Castle Donnington by the B6540 - there is a left turn to the Aeropark on the edge of the village.

Rainbow 5 Service (out)

Broadmarsh dep.17.26 Aeropark / Nags Head arr. 18.30

Return

Aeropark/Nags Head dep 21.23 Long Eaton Green arr 21.40
dep 21.49
Broadmarsh arr 22.19

***Please return the form to the secretary, to arrive not later than 10 May.
All cheques to be made payable to "NIHA"***

NIHA VISIT TO EAST MIDLANDS AEROPARK 22 MAY 2008

I/we enclose £.....in payment formembers (@ 3.50) and.....guests (@ 4.00).

Name.....Address.....

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I am travelling by car and have.....spare seats.

I would welcome a seat in a car, if available. yes / no (circle as appropriate)