

Transport and Trade on the Trent, 1850–1970

Saturday 18 May 2013

Programme

- 10.30 **Arrival:** refreshments available; society displays and bookstalls open to view.
- 11.00 **Welcome:** Dr Richard Gaunt, Nottingham University
- 11.15 **Transport and Trade on the Trent: an introductory survey**
Philip Riden, University of Nottingham
- 12.00 **Working boats: life on board canal and river craft**
Dr Wendy Freer
- 1.00 **Lunch:** society displays and bookstalls open to view
- 2.00 **Researching the history of the Trent, its traffic, trade and boats**
A series of short presentations by the two speakers from the morning session and by libraries, archives and museums from around the region, outlining some of the resources available.
- 3.00 **Research in progress:** an opportunity for participants, whether as individuals or representatives of local groups, to say what they have already done or are planning to do on any aspect of the subject of today's meeting.
- 4.00 **Conclusion:** Plans for future collaboration between all those interested in the history of the Trent.
- 4.15 **Tea.**

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The University of Nottingham has received a substantial award from the Arts and Humanities Research Council to undertake a one-year research project on the history of the Trent between the mid nineteenth century and the end of commercial carrying on the river around 1970. The grant has been made as part of the AHRC's Connected Communities Programme, which is intended to enable universities to develop closer links with the wider community. For Nottingham, especially in the field of local history, this is more a case of reaffirming what have traditionally been very close links.

The award is for what the AHRC terms a 'co-production' project. The intention is that University staff (including a research assistant based in London working on material at the National Archives and elsewhere) will collaborate with local history societies, waterways heritage groups and individuals to produce a comprehensive study of the Trent since the mid nineteenth century, to be published as a full-length book.

Two organisations, the Friends of Newark Heritage Barge and the Railway & Canal Historical Society, have already agreed to work with the University on this project and we very much hope others will join them.

This day school has been organised to enable University staff to introduce the project and explain in more detail what is planned. At the same time, we would like to hear from those attending (and indeed others interested in the project who are unable to be there) about their own interest in the river and riverside communities. There will be an opportunity in the afternoon session for groups and individuals who have already done research in this field to say something about their work.

We are also inviting all the relevant organisations we can locate to bring along displays, including publications to sell, so that everyone attending the day school will be able to see how much interest there is in the Trent, its archaeology, history and ecology.

We hope that this will be the first of a series of meetings at which everyone interested in the Trent can come together, discuss topics of mutual interest, and help to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

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The event will be held at the Newark Academy, Lilley & Stone Site, London Road, Newark NG24 1TT. There is ample parking at the school and the meeting is being held in an accessible ground-floor hall. The buffet lunch will include vegetarian options.

The day will start with tea and coffee on arrival from 10.30, but the hall will be available for participants to set up displays from 9.30. We are very keen that as many organisations as possible who are attending the event bring material to display (including publications to sell).

There is no charge for the day school but we would like those planning to attend to let us know in advance, so that we can provide adequate catering without waste, and make sure that there are enough tables for displays.

To enrol, please email or write, advising (in the case of societies) how many people will be coming, whether you would like a table for a display, and whether you would like to speak about work you (or your group) have done (or are doing) on the history of the river, to:

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