

Industrial Heritage Days

Also known as East Midlands Industrial Archaeology Conferences (EMIACs), held every six months and are open to anyone with an interest in the subject wishing to attend. The first conference was held in 1970 with the idea and aim of enabling industrial archaeologists in the East Midlands to meet in different locations, to consider and discuss topics of mutual interest. There is no formal organisation. The affiliated societies are:

- Derbyshire Archaeology Society
- The East Midlands Group of the Railway & Canal Historical Society
- Northampton Industrial Archaeology Group
- Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology
- Leicestershire Industrial History Society
- North East Derbyshire Industrial Archaeology Society

Leicestershire Industrial History Society

The Leicestershire Industrial History Society (LIHS) was founded in 1969. It is the main voluntary organisation within Leicestershire for the study and preservation of the County's industrial heritage. The Society is currently excavating and recording the former Califat coal mine site at Swannington. You are welcome to visit the site during today's conference and on working days, normally the second Tuesday in the month.

Afternoon Tours

Tour 1: A walking tour round the centre of Market Harborough to view various industrial buildings lead by a local industrial history expert. The walk is approximately 2 miles and lasts about 1½ hours.

Tour 2: Foxton Locks
(www.goleicestershire.com/outdoors/foxton.aspx). Drive to Foxton locks car park in own car, car park charges apply (approx. 5 miles) to view locks, former incline plane and museum (entrance fee not included). The lock gates have recently been replaced and this is an opportunity to see the restoration.

Tour 3: Visit the Market Harborough Museum (www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk) located in the Old Symington Corset factory, close (ie within walking distance) to the Community Centre. The museum celebrates Market Harborough's long history as a centre of trade and industry in the heart of the Welland Valley at the crossroads between Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. It also houses the famous Hallaton Treasure, one of the most important iron age discoveries in Britain. Admission to the Museum is free and it closes at 16:00 on Saturdays.



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INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE DAY – EMIAC 95

Keeping One in Suspenders!

Saturday October 6 2018

Roman Way Community Centre, Market Harborough, LE16 7PQ



Our EMIAC day will look at the industries which flourished in Market Harborough, the restoration of The Old Grammar School, and the canal system which linked the town before the railways to the rest of Britain.

Market Harborough

First mentioned in the 12th Century with its name derived from Haver Burgh (oat hill), and it could be described as a medieval new town with a wide High Street and wide open town square to contain the regular markets, and The Old Grammar School (1614) which has become a symbol of the town. During the English Civil War the town was plundered by Prince Rupert, and in 1645 Charles 1 made the town his headquarters before the Battle of Naseby.

As the road system improved with the introduction of turn piking, the town prospered as an important horse-interchange point and many coaching inns were established. Twenty six coaches a day and many wagons passed through the Angel Hotel alone, and in its heyday there was accommodation for 90 horses, more than any other place in Leicestershire. The town was linked to the canal network in 1809, and by 1850 the railway from Rugby had opened, followed by connections to main towns in the East Midlands.

Speakers

Rosalind Willatts is a geographer with very strong interests in history and the landscape, both urban and rural. For over 22 years she was the Conservation Officer at Harborough District Council (its first) where she studied the character of the local area.

Mike Stroud is a Historian with an interest in Social and Political History, particularly the Industrial Heritage of South Leicestershire and North Northamptonshire. He has written several published articles and gives talks on local Industry.

Bryan Martin is an architect who masterminded the recent major refurbishment of The Old Grammar School, involving many specialist crafts people in the process.

Mike Beech has long been associated with Foxton Locks and the development of the museum, and has a huge knowledge of all things Foxton.

Program

- 09:00 - 09:30 **Setting up book stalls and displays.**
- 09:00 - 09:30 **Registration.**
- 09:30 - 09:35 **Welcome by Chris Hossack, Chairman of LIHS.**
- 09:35 - 10:30 **Rosalind Willatts. "Market Harborough: the industries of a market town."**
- 10:30 - 11:15 **Mike Stroud. "The Symington Brothers 'From Soups to Suspenders.'"**
- 11:15 - 11:45 **Coffee and comfort break.**
- 11:45 - 12:30 **Bryan Martin. "Rebuilding of The Old Grammar School."**
- 12:45 - 13:00 **EMIAC business meeting.**
- 13:00 - 14 00 **Buffet Lunch (including vegetarian dishes).**
- 14:00 - 14:45 **Mike Beech. "Foxton Locks and the Harborough Arm."**
- 14:45 - 16:30 **Afternoon tours.**

Market Harborough is easily accessible both by car and Public transport. The A6 trunk road passes close and the M1 (junction 20) is about 10 miles away.

Market Harborough is on the Midland main line and the station is about a mile away from the conference venue. The town is also well served by local and long distance buses.

EMIAC 95 Booking form

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Please complete this form and post it to the address below by September 29 2018 together with a cheque made payable to **LIHS**.

EMIAC 95, 3, The Orchard, Groby, Leicester LE6 0BA

The cost of the event is £15 per person. Any queries please e-mail emiabox@gmail.com

We will e-mail you your confirmation. If you do not have e-mail or would prefer to receive a written confirmation by post, then please enclose an SAE. Directions and travel options will be included in your confirmation.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Post code _____

E mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Society: _____

I require display space

Please specify the afternoon tour you would like to participate in: **1 (Walk) / 2 (Museum) / 3 (Foxton)**

Disabled car park space required? If so please give car registration no _____ (You must produce a valid disabled badge when you arrive)

Would you like to be informed about future EMIAC events by e-mail.? YES / NO