

# LONG EATON 50 PLUS FORUM NEWSLETTER Spring ISSUE 2017

Editor Ian Neill

Report on our March 2017 Open Forum Meeting held at 10:15 am on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Long Eaton Town Hall  
Theme for the event :- Stanton Regeneration



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## CHAIR'S REPORT

First as many of you know, Ian Neill has suffered a severe fracture to his right arm in April. I'm glad to say as I write he is recovering well though still in pain. He hopes to be with us on the Llandudno trip but was sorry to miss our day in Tewkesbury. The town proved very attractive though the weather was cool. See pictures later. We left at around 5pm and were home by 7 pm. Many thanks to Jenny, Cindy, Pauline and David for their help on the day. We are applying for help from Derbyshire Foundation so we can re-start the popular IT sessions held at the Parklands Connexions. We'll keep you informed. It's an excellent venue for us. Check out our website at [www.lead50plus.com](http://www.lead50plus.com) to see the pages about our heritage project Toton Sidings Remembered and come along to the Erewash Museum on one of our two Open Days on June 10th and July 8th or come any day between from May 26th to July 15th to view our exhibition there in the Lally Gallery.

FOOD BANK BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE

Raffle made £73.50 Thanks to Jenny who ran it and all those who contributed, both financially and prizes.

## NEXT MEETING

June 13<sup>TH</sup> 2017

10:15 TO 12:00 Noon  
TOWN HALL LONG EATON

Speakers

**Joanne Perkins,  
Time Swap Manager**

**Chris Hegarty, DCC,  
"Public Transport in Derbyshire"**

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### **TOTON SIDINGS PROJECT EVENTS AT THE EREWASH MUSEUM, HIGH ST, ILKESTON, DE7 5JA TEL: 0115 907 1141**

Fri May 26th - Sat 15th July: Exhibition in the Lally Gallery: "Toton Sidings Remembered 1856 - 1984" (closed Wednesdays)

Sat June 10th and Sat July 8th from 10 - 3: Open Days: Presentations, Layouts, Memory Collection, Meet The Project Team, Museum Tours

June 19th - June 23rd : School Workshops for local primary schools

#### **1st Guest Speaker:**

This was the first attendance by Sergeant 14092 Damien Shannon who had requested to take any questions/reports from the floor. Reports were made on:

1. Cars parking on double yellow lines on Broad Street – unfortunately the Government has taken any powers out of Police hands and this problem must be addressed by the local Parking Wardens.
2. Anti-social behaviour in the Petersham Hall area- destruction of bus shelter/climbing on roofs etc appears to be happening on Monday's more than other times of week – Damien will put this area down as a priority for ASB and ensure that there is police presence on the day reported – he requested members to let him know of any other incidents.

### **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SUITABLE PRIZE FOR OUR RAFFLE PLEASE BRING IT ALONG TO THE NEXT MEETING**

#### **2nd Guest Speaker:**

Stephen Flinders, Local Historian  
Brief introduction on the history of Stanton Ironworks Site:

Stephen explained that he had worked at the Stanton Ironworks himself, as had his father and grandfather.

The site was enormous covering 3½ square miles of industry.

People would say that you knew you were reaching Stanton by the smoke and the smell in the air and for the men working in the filthiest area, the Coke Ovens, it was said their lives were reduced by 10 years. Although they may have hated the work they knew their families would be looked after and the pay was good so they turned up every day. The men were well looked after given check-ups every year – nurses were based on site and in 1921 the Company bought a Model T-Ford Ambulance which made the journey to the hospital much quicker and comfier.

The Stanton Ironworks at New Stanton, south of Ilkeston was once the town's largest manufacturing concern and consequently its biggest employer. The Stanton and Staveley group was later part of the Tubes Division of British Steel Corporation. At its height, the company employed around 12,500 people of which 7,000 worked at the Stanton works.

Evidence has been found that iron production has taken place in this area since Roman times and the remains of medieval bloom furnaces have been uncovered at Stanley Grange near to West Hallam.

In 1788, a small blast furnace had been built and operated in the area between Stanton by Dale and Dale Abbey which, although in operation for little more than 15 years, laid the foundations for one of the largest industries in the area.

The Franco-Prussian War of 1870 created a huge demand for iron and the works expanded rapidly with the construction of new furnaces and foundries (the 'New Works') alongside the Erewash Canal in the early 1870s.

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Stanton Ironworks goes back to 1846 when Chesterfield man, Benjamin Smith and his son Josiah, brought three blast-furnaces into production alongside the banks of the Nutbrook Canal.

Between 1865 and 1867, Benjamin Smith's original three furnaces were replaced with five new furnaces, this site being later known as the 'Old Works'. Smith's furnaces produced about 20 tons of pig iron per day but the company soon experienced financial difficulties and there followed a series of take-overs during the middle of the 19th century.

During this period the business was taken over by the Crompton family. This family owned the company for over eighty years, re-naming the works 'The Stanton Iron Company'. By the early 20th century the business was named 'The Stanton Ironworks Company Ltd'. The company was eventually taken over by Stewarts and Lloyds Ltd and was merged with the Staveley Iron and Chemical Company Ltd in 1960 to form Stanton and Staveley. The company became part of the British Steel Corporation when Stewarts and Lloyds was nationalised in 1967.

### The Old Works Furnaces

During the 1914-1918 war Stanton produced large numbers of shell casings, while during the Second World War women worked for 60% of the men's wages producing both shell and bomb casings, gun barrels, and concrete air-raid shelter components.

With its experience in high quality concrete products, Stanton was also involved with the production of experimental concrete torpedo casings. During the Second World War, the Stanton Gate Foundry (known to later generations as the Erewash Foundry) produced 873,500 bomb casings.

Following the war Stanton's fortunes fluctuated while the company was nationalised, privatised and re-nationalised. During the early 1980s Stanton was privatised for the final time and became part of the French Pont-a-Mousson Group and later part of Saint Gobain.

In 1974 workers took part in a march up Bath Street against the closure of the plant, however, 1974/75 saw the demolition of the furnaces and in May 2007 the last pipe came off production.

All the iron making has now gone and the site has been largely cleared and is awaiting redevelopment.

Stephen informed the members that he has written a book called 'Stanton – Gone but not forgotten'.

### **3rd Guest Speaker: Adam Reddish, Erewash Borough Council**

Adam started his talk with a follow on of the brief history of Stanton Ironworks.

Legacy of the Iron Works:

Redundant buildings not fit for modern purpose  
Demolished plant structures

Large areas of hardstanding for storage uses  
Gradual emergence of biodiversity assets – suitable for insects such as butterflies

Widespread, but variable contamination

Direct rail access to Erewash Valley line – need to look at market interest

Framework for Regeneration:

Previous attempts came to nothing

Outline application (2013) by St Gobain – the Borough Council was not enamoured with the plan – clear conflict on use - and it was withdrawn before discussion took place at Council

160 hectares of brownfield land

Erewash's largest development site – will have a large impact on the whole borough

Addressed by Core Strategy

Integral part of growth plans – new homes and employment – the size of the site creates a massive challenge for the Council.

Supplementary Planning Document:

Additional guidance to Erewash Core Strategy policies

Masterplan-led approach – what/where most suitable

Provides certainty to investors as to what the Council is expecting/requires

Supplementary Planning Document Masterplan (1):

Phasing of site – a coloured map was shown of the areas for residential development, neighbourhood centre, medical facilities, business park, industry, link to Erewash Canal/Nutbrook (this is available in the plan)

Remediation strategy

Housing first, but balanced out by employment creation (industrial first, then business park)

Provision of community facilities and services

Retail – a ‘Centre of Neighbourhood Importance’

New Primary School

Supplementary Planning Document Masterplan (2):

Green Infrastructure – accessibility to nearby villages and towns – for a variety of uses with series of paths & trails

Preservation of existing wildlife

Opportunities to go further – promoting biodiversity

Restoration of the Dale’s landscape

Transport and traffic arrangements

Additional traffic volumes – positive management

Next Steps:

Dialogue with site-owners (Saint Gobain Pipelines)

Establishing a realistic land valuation

Attracting development partners – SPD ‘brochure’

Negotiations with developers

Outline and reserved matters applications

Commencement of construction

Uncertain timescales for progress & completion – but very keen to get the ball rolling

Adam then took a number of questions from the members including questions about the contaminated land and how it would be cleared, plans for social housing, plans for the infrastructure and the relationship with the owners of the land St Gobain.

Adam was thanked for attending and giving such a very detailed presentation.

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## RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

PLEASE BRING ALONG TO THE NEXT MEETING ANY SUITABLE RAFFLE PRIZES HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE FORUM

## PETERSHAM HALL

Every alternate Thursday a social afternoon starting at 2:00 PM till 4:00 PM.

Come along and play games of cards dominos or do your own thing for the first hour then enjoy tea or coffee and a biscuit. Finally play a game of bingo.

Membership is £3.50 per year with an admin charge of 50 p for the first year

Entry is free, we just ask you to bring a small raffle prize.

Dates 23<sup>RD</sup> February, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup> March, 6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> April,

### CHARITY ADS.

#### **PARKLANDS STROKE CLUB**

##### **HAVE YOU OR SOMEBODY YOU KNOW HAD A STROKE**

Why not come along to Parklands Stroke club.  
We meet every second Friday, starting on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
of November, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Where? At Petersham Hall

Contact:- Pat on 0115 972 2389

#### **LONG EATON AND DISTRICT INVALID CLUB**

Meets every second Tuesday of the month at  
Sawley Memorial Hall.

Come along and join us  
We run 3 coach trips per year  
Pick up points are too numerous to mention but  
there will be one near you,

The Erewash RAFA (884) Branch Welfare  
'Drop-In' Centre,  
is now open at 91, Grasmere Rd, Long Eaton,  
next to the Petersham Hall Social Centre, for all  
people to join, regardless of military service. The  
Trentbarton Indigo bus service from Nottingham,  
via Long Eaton, to Briar Gate, stops outside the  
premises every 20 minutes. For Sat Nav code:  
NG10 4DZ.  
There is plenty of parking in the area next to the  
Co-op shop.

#### **Peterborough (Nene Valley) Station**

Peterborough Nene Valley Station is the eastern terminus of the Nene Valley Railway, and our gateway to the city centre. The area surrounding the station was once the site of the London and North Western Railway's Woodston Locomotive Works. Today it is the gateway to the historic city with its large 12th century Norman Cathedral, old-fashioned arcades, bustling streets and modern malls. Behind the station, Railworld offers old and new exhibits as well as information about railways all over the world. Its theme of sustainable transport spells out the need to cut global emissions of CO2 and explains how this is being achieved today. A separate admission charge is payable on entering.

#### **LONG EATON INDIAN ASSOCIATION**

Meets every Monday (except bank holidays) from  
12:00 until 3:00 PM  
United Reformed Church, the Green, Long Eaton  
Chair based exercise and social  
£12.00 per quarter  
All welcome

#### **LONG EATON ALL MEDIA AND ARTS GROUP**

Meets every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM  
until 9:00 PM at Petersham Hall  
Contact Loraine on 0115 972 6132  
All Welcome

#### **PETERSHAM HALL**

The fully refurbished hall is now running the  
following clubs or meetings

Flower Arranging Monday Evening  
EMH Tuesday Club Tuesday Afternoon  
Bingo Tuesday Evening  
Social Line Dancing Wednesday Afternoon  
Serious Line Dancing Wednesday Evening  
Social Thursday afternoon  
Art Club Thursday Evening  
Stroke Cub Friday Afternoon  
Private Function Friday Evening  
For more information on these events  
[www.phca1969.org.uk](http://www.phca1969.org.uk)  
or phone Ian on 0115 972 6057

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### **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY**

**DATE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**PRICE INCLUDING THE TRAIN £21**

**PETERBOROUGH ONLY £15**

**The plan is to go to Peterborough for the 12:00 Noon train. The tickets are Rover ones so you can then go on any train available.**

**The Timetable is :-**

Wansford	D	11:00	12:45	14:30
Yarwell	A	11:05	12:50	14:35
Yarwell	D	11:15	13:00	14:45
Wansford	D	11:20	13:05	14:50
Ferry Meadows	D	11:35	13:20	15:05
Orton Mere	D	11:40	13:25	15:10
Peterborough	A	11:45	13:30	15:15
Peterborough	D	<b>12:00</b>	13:45	15:30
Orton Mere 1	D	12:06	13:51	15:36
Ferry Meadows	D	12:11	13:56	15:41
Wansford	D	12:26	14:11	15:56

### **Yarwell Station**

**Yarwell Station is the westernmost Station on the Nene Valley Railway and sits at the edge of the picturesque Northamptonshire countryside adjacent to a tranquil lake. From here it is easy to take a pleasant walk into the nearby villages of Yarwell and Nassington. Both villages are approximately 25 minutes from Yarwell Station. In Nassington you can stop for refreshments at the Black Horse or Queens Head public houses and in Yarwell, the Angel. On some summer Sundays, there are also cakes and tea on sale in Yarwell Village Hall.**

### **Wansford Station**

**Wansford station is the headquarters of the Nene Valley Railway. The station brings together three forms of transport in one location, with the River Nene being separated from the railway by the "Old Great North Road". Facilities at Wansford include, Toilets with disabled and baby changing facilities, Turntable Café, Shop, Garden and Model Railway, Second hand book shop and Museum, Locomotive works viewing gallery and Children's playground**

### **LLANDUDNO**

**DATE 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**PRICE £15.00**

Llandudno's immaculate seafront, gracefully framed by two headlands, is a seaside classic. It's a proper resort, with a pier, Punch and Judy and Donkey Man and even Alice in Wonderland.

Llandudno also has some classy neighbours – world class, even. Conwy is a World Heritage town.

Its brooding medieval castle is a stern guardian, along with a string of well-preserved walls that wrap themselves around narrow streets stuffed with historic buildings.

We have amazing Blue Flag beaches (including the excellent Colwyn Bay beach and Llandudno beach), the great orme, the Llandudno pier, the Llandudno cable cars, mighty big mountains and green valleys, some amazing restaurants, pubs.

### **Ferry Meadows**

**Ferry Meadows Station is the gateway to Ferry Meadows Country Park, run by Nene Park Trust. Only a few minutes from the entrance of the Country Park, visitors can enjoy our visitor centre, children's activity areas and a miniature railway, as well as walks in our meadows, lakes and woods. Light refreshments are available at the station**

### **Orton Mere Station**

**Orton Mere Station is an ideal point to either join the train or stop off at whilst travelling. Stop off here for Riverside walks our station provides light refreshments, Free car parking can be found here**

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### TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

#### APRIL CULTURE TRIP TEWKESBURY



#### PICTURES OF TEWKESBURY FROM PETE



#### FORUM TOURS PLANNED TRIPS

##### FORUM SEASIDE TOUR

DATE 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

Llandudno

Cost £15.00

##### FORUM STEAM TRAIN TOUR

DATE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

Nene Valley Railway from Wansford to Peterborough Provisional cost £21.00

There will be the usual 4 pick up points  
**Petersham Hall**  
**ASDA bus stop in Trent Street**  
**Long Eaton Railway Station**  
**West Park.**

Payment and booking for the Llandudno trip will be at the Open Forum meeting in June  
The Train Trip will be at the September meeting

Or at Petersham Hall on a Wednesday afternoon 2 - 4 PM

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### TABLET SESSIONS

These are held at the Community House on Derby Road on Monday afternoons

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