

LONG EATON 50 PLUS FORUM

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2014 ISSUE

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Report on our June 2014 Open Forum Meeting
held at 10:15 am on June 9th at the Long Eaton Town Hall

Theme Long Eaton and HS2

Website www.lead50plus.com



CHAIR'S REPORT

I am pleased to report on a year of excellent progress with a growing membership and continued forum involvement in Long Eaton & District. Our partnerships with the local council, Parklands Connexion and Long Eaton School continue to flourish. Our record for sustaining projects and delivering on proposals is gaining us trust and respect in the local community. This year again a very generous amount of funding has been granted by Erewash Borough Council for our vital work on digital inclusion for older people.

The last year has seen continued enthusiasm for our Open Forums with good attendance and some excellent speakers. Topics have included Clinical Commissioning, Adult Care, Fighting Crime & Terrorism and Recycling. These presentations are reported in our Newsletters, on our website at www.lead50plus.com and, of course, on YouTube.

I am delighted that the majority of our management committee are re-standing this year and we also welcome some new members. In addition our Open Forum meetings and computer classes can only go ahead with the help of volunteers from the forum who give their time to us. I would particularly like to express my thanks to my Vice-Chair, Roy Smith, for his invaluable networking activities as well as running our Monday Drop-In Sessions in the library, Ann Bennett for her continued work with beginners computing in the library and to Ian Neill who does so much on our behalf running our popular coach trips and producing our Newsletters. Our Committee members also attend various meetings on our behalf such as the Derbyshire Older Peoples Advisory Group meetings. These are held every 3 months to bring together representatives from each of the 14 forums in Derbyshire. Total membership over all 14 forums has now reached 3,500.



NEXT MEETING

September 8TH 2014

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

Speakers Lizzie Banks Tree Tops Hospice
Kathryn Caple - Else Solicitors
On the topic of Wills and "power of Attorney"
etc.

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Attendance 114 Members and 8 visitors
Raffle made £78.50 Thanks to Jenny who ran it
and all those who contributed, both financially
and prizes.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE NEWSLETTER ARE THOSE OF THE CONTRIBUTORS AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE FORUM

Speakers:

1st Speaker - **Peter Fox – Retired Geography and History Teacher**

Peter has been reading back issues of the Long Eaton Advertiser – these date back to 1882 and he has currently read 5334 editions taking him up to 1995.

Peter gave an overview of Long Eaton from the First World War information included details on the population of Long Eaton, what type of work was being carried out during that period and the numbers of residents enlisted into the armed forces from the area and the troops stationed in the area.

He gave information on Jack Seeley – the Liberal MP for Ilkeston Division during 1910-1922 – who was born in Derbyshire but had houses in the Isle of Wight and London. He was schooled at Harrow with Winston Churchill & Stanley Baldwin.

In 1900 as part of his service with the Hampshire Yeomanry he took his little white Arab horse called Maharajah to Southampton docks and embarked with 500 men for the Boer War, albeit having had to dye his horse brown after being first refused for “reasons of camouflage”.

He also took his horse ‘Warrior’ to the Western Front in 1914 - Foaled on the Isle of Wight in 1908, Warrior survived all imaginable disasters, was active in many famous battles including those at the Somme and Ypres and he came back four years later. Eight million other horses and mules did not.

Returning with Jack Seeley to his native Isle of Wight in 1918, Warrior lived until the grand old age of 33, even winning a point to point four years to the day that he had led the charge at Moreuil Wood.

His obituary in the Evening Standard in 1941 read ‘Horse the Germans Could Not Kill’.

General Jack Seeley's book ‘My Horse Warrior’ was published 1934 and then again in 2011 and was translated into the film and now stage play ‘War Horse’.

In 1914 a number of events took place

- August - the war protests took place
- September the 1st Voluntary Aid Hospital was opened at Trent College and run by Catherine Jane Hickling with 3 more hospitals to follow
- October – the area started sending fruit for the ships
- November – the Belgian refugees arrived – Agatha Christie’s ‘Poirot’ is based on a Belgian refuge. Language courses were set up for the locals to learn to speak Belgian (not the other way round) and a welcome notice was printed in the Long Eaton Advertiser.

Allotments became very important and the council used every piece of land suitable for crops.



2nd Speakers –

Freda Jesudason & Natalie Kirkwood from
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Phase 2
- HS2 Ltd

- **High Speed Rail is 50 years old -**
Developed by Japan in the 1960's to improve connections between major cities
- A passenger-only network set new standards for speed, reliability and safety;
- France began developing TGV in the 1970s.
- First section of HS1 opened in 2003, setting new standards for design and environmental mitigation.

It is an efficient, reliable and safe high capacity mode of transport.

Nagoya Station in Japan was completed in 1999 and covers 417,000m² of office space above the train station with almost 100% occupancy rate in 2013. There is a shopping centre, hotel and offices.

Lyon Part-Dieu in France - Business quarter developed

- 800 enterprises
- 40,000 employees
- 43% increase in office space
- New shopping centres and hotels

Why is HS2 needed?

- Faster economic growth in the south than the north – 66 of FTSE 100 companies south of Birmingham
- Connectivity a key enabler to growth – proximity to markets and labour
- Major investment in transport infrastructure needed – long distance and inter regional
- Catalyst for growth
- Population growth – over 70m by the mid 2020's

The Capacity Crunch:

- Over recent years rail travel has been experiencing a massive growth
- 125 million long distance journeys were made in 2011/12, more than double the 54 million made in 1994/95
- By the mid 2020's key routes will be severely crowded

The vision for HS2:

- A 21st century high speed rail backbone, integrated with existing network
- Delivered in two phases
- Direct, high capacity, rail links between our major cities
- Will free up space on the classic networks and reduce road congestion

Toton sidings will have a brand new station made up of:

- 4 x High Speed Rail platforms on ground level
- 4 x Conventional platforms on a higher level
- 2 x Other platforms – commercial etc.

It is hoped the new station will create up to 1600 jobs.

The HS2 routes will be as straight as possible, create as little problems to community areas and follow the corridors already in place such as the M1. The route is only proposed and not finalised. There will be a tunnel under East Midlands Airport and viaducts across any flood plains – Red Hill will include a tunnel so the route can descend into Long Eaton on a low level line. Existing travel will be moved to the higher lines. Around the Strelley Conservation area a tunnel is envisioned to avoid affecting any listed buildings. They are trying to avoid as much environmental impact as possible and are happy to look at other suggested routes.

Better Connections for the East Midlands:
Better Journey Times such as:

- Toton to London – 51 minutes
- Derby via the Hub – 1 hr 20 minutes
- Toton to Leeds – 50 minutes
- Nottingham to York – 54 minutes

Analysis by KPMG shows that the economic benefits will be widespread:

Productivity gains valued at between £1.1 billion and £2.2 billion per year; equivalent to between a 2.2% and 4.3% increase in total local economic output in 2037.

Direct Jobs:

What are we doing?

- Building the right skills
- Labour forecasting and analysis
- Education strategy
- The role of apprenticeships
- Working with the supply chain
- Working with core cities

Where are we now!

Need to go through a Hybrid Bill process which involves a 1st and 2nd readings

The 2nd reading was put to Parliament on 28 th April to get:

- Principles of the Bill established
- Debate on the floor of the House of Commons
- Define the length of the petitioning period
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Premise of the Bill assured

A 3rd reading will take place to enable the House to consider the Bill and amend or reverse any Public Bill changes.
Presentation to the House of Lords similar to the House of Commons - Any amendments to the Bill made by the House of Lords are now debated and approved by the House of Commons.
Royal Assent - “La Reyne le veult” ‘The Queen wills it’ in Norman French.

Phase 2 Consultation and Information Events:

- 37 events held
- 8,000 people attended the events in total
- Over 800 people attended Long Eaton events

Information events and key themes for Long Eaton:

- Property concerns and compensation
- Choice of station
- Local traffic concerns
- Environmental impacts
- Impacts on existing rail network
- Build quicker
- Could transform area

Proposed timeline for Phase Two – West Midlands to Leeds/Manchester:
2013-15:

- Consultation on preferred route, stations and depots for Phase Two launches
- Government’s announcement of final decision on the chosen route, station and depots
- Commence engineering design, environmental impact assessment and preparation of Hybrid Bill

Next Parliament -

Deposit Phase Two Hybrid Bill

2016/17 - Construction on Phase One commences

Early 2020's - Construction on Phase Two commences

2026 - Phase One opens to passengers

Early 2030's - Phase Two opens to passengers

Any Questions or Comments can be sent to:

- Freda Jesudason, Community and Stakeholder Advisor
- Natalie Kirkwood, Community and Stakeholder Advisor
- **CALL:** General enquiries on **020 7944 4908**
- **EMAIL:** hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
- **WRITE TO:** High Speed Two (HS2) Limited,
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London,
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PROBLEMS AT THE OPEN FORUM MEETING

IT WAS REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN THE GALLERY WERE UNABLE TO SEE THE SCREEN DUE TO THE LIGHTS BEING IN THE WAY
THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO USE TWO SCREENS EITHER SIDE OF THE LIGHTS SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE SCREEN

TRAIN TRIP GALLERY



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 7th
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,

LONG EATON ALL MEDIA AND ARTS GROUP

Meets every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM
until 9:00 PM at Petersham Hall
Contact **Colin Bourne on 01158 490 048**
All Welcome

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 lunch and social
£3.00 per month
All welcome

Catharine Stewart has asked that the following
event information be advised to members:

- Stapleford Carnival – 6th September –
11:30-5:00pm
- Sight Awareness Event – 10th October –
Stapleford Care Centre.

TRIP TO KEIGHLEY AND WORTH TRAIN.

We have become a victim of our own success.
The trip lost the Forum £145.00.
We had 92 people on the trip but to cover the
costs we needed 107.
On future trips once the 61 figure is breached we
will have to have a specific number before we
can put on the second coach.
In the case of our Gloucester trip it is 92



The trip itself was a success from the number of
people who told me how they enjoyed the day.

The obviously enjoyed the train as I waited to
collect any of the group who waited in Haworth,
There was only one plus me.

Pete has put together a great video of the trip
which can be seen on "You Tube" at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58KcvVNATps>

Just put this into your browser and see the trip.
We hope to show it at the next open Forum
Meeting.

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

CHANGE OF DESTINATION

We looked into going to Scarborough but the cost of the coach was too high so we have changed the destination to Gloucester.

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NEXT TRIP

GLOUCESTER

Price £ 12.00

Date Thursday 2ND October 2014

Departing Long Eaton

between 9:00 and 9:20 AM

Pick up points:-

Petersham Hall

ASDA Bus stop

Long Eaton Railway Station

West Park Leisure Centre

Returning from Gloucester at 6:00 PM

The tourist office sent me a long list of things going on in Gloucester when we are there I have listed some below.

This year sees the return of the highly successful and anticipated Crucible exhibition at Gloucester Cathedral. It is being held from Monday 1st September – Friday 31 st October. The exhibition is of over 100 contemporary sculptures all in the magnificent setting of the famous Gloucester Cathedral. The last time Crucible was held in Gloucester it attracted more than 136,000 visitors to the city and injected over £4,000,000 in to the local economy. For more information on this fantastic event please visit the link below:

<http://www.crucible2.co.uk/>

I have however listed a brief description for just a few of the many attractions that Gloucester has to offer below:

Gloucester Cathedral

Probably one of Gloucester's more famous landmarks, Gloucester Cathedral has been a wonder of our city for hundreds of years. The site itself has been used as a religious ground for over a thousand years and since then it has been host to many famous characters and historical events. Cathedral via the link below:

www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

REQUEST FROM THE TRIP'S ORGANISER

Can the lady ticket collector send me her details so I can give her the ticket.

Also could the lady who offered to be the Railway station Pick up point supervisor let me have her name.

Gloucester Docks

The historic Victorian docks are a unique and inspiring destination, described by Charles Dickens himself as 'extraordinary', and granted port status by Queen Elizabeth I in 1580. Gloucester is the most inland port in Britain, and the docks are dominated by towering warehouses which stand proud along the water's edge. Visitors can see skilled shipwrights and riggers repairing, restoring and building traditional ships and rigging all year round in Tommi Nielsen's dry dock on the West Quay.

The wider Gloucester Quays area is a favourite for visitors and locals alike, with a great mix of waterside museums, bars, cafes, restaurants and Designer Outlet shopping plus beautiful new communal squares, walkways and dramatic public art, all nestling comfortably alongside the docks' maritime heritage. Follow the links below for more details:

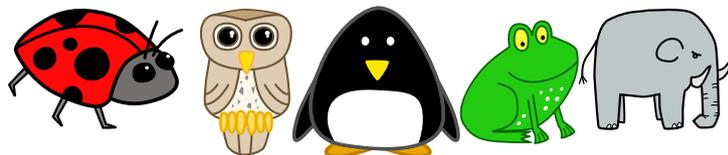
<http://www.gloucesterquays.co.uk/the-port/>

<http://www.gloucesterdocks.me.uk/gloucester/forvisitors.htm>

You can also find the following museums

Gloucester Waterways Museum

Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum



LAP IT UP SESSIONS

Get help using your laptop with the help of our friendly forum advisers. All free to members.

The sessions are all at Parklands connections between Stanhope Street and Leopold Street starting at 10:00 AM Refreshments are provided. Sessions end at 12:00

We have booked more Lap - it - up Sessions at Parklands for August 29th, September 19th October 24th November 28th. These free 2 hour sessions are very informal. They start at 10.00 am and are held at Parkland Connexions, Stanhope St for anyone in the forum who wants to learn more about using their laptop or tablet.

We plan to run a third series of Astronomy sessions at Long Eaton School Observatory from October. Check out our website nearer the time for dates, times and other details of the monthly sessions.

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Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Courses last for 5 weeks

These courses are run by Ann Bennett for the
benefit of 50 plus members

Courses are:-

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Places are limited to 5 per course.

Please contact Ann Bennett to add your name to
the list or to ask about courses

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a letters page so send you views to
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