

the WHO's What's What

WHO WOLDS Historical Organisation

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Please feel free to forward to anyone you think might be interested, or print out from friends who do not see emails and such like.

Forthcoming events, news, gossip and queries relating more-or-less to the local history and archaeology of the Leicestershire Wolds are most welcome for forthcoming issues.

Next meetings

The next talk is on **Tuesday 20th June** when Brian Johnson will reveal the **Story of the Driving Test**.

Usual venue, the back room of The Windmill on Brook Street. Start time 7.45 p.m.. Non-members always welcome but will be asked to contribute £3.00. Full details of the rest of the programme online at www.hoap.co.uk/who/

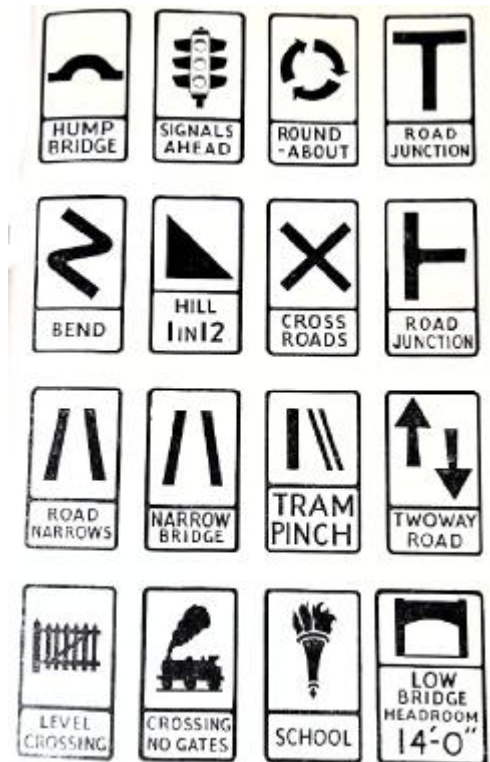
There is no WHO meeting in July. On **Tuesday 15th August** we will have a guided tour of the **Shardlow Heritage Centre** and discover more about eighteenth century canal transhipment. As always non-members will be most welcome. The walk will start promptly at 7.30. Please note that everyone on the walk will be asked for a £3 contribution (members and non-members). More details in the next *Who's What's What*.

Other events of interest

Friends Of Charnwood Museum organise lectures each month. On Thursday June 22 **Nick Pell**, the former Curator of Mining and Transport at Leicestershire County Council, will be speaking about the **Porthmadog Heritage Railway**: its history, the technology, and life as a volunteer helping to keep it running. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm with coffee/tea and biscuits served from 7.00 p.m. at Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough. Cost for non-members is £4 or £2 for members. Please book by phone on 01509 233754 or email museum@charnwood.gov.uk

Other Leicester museum events

See www.visitleicester.info/things-to-see-and-do/arts-museums/leicestermuseumsevents/ for extensive information on talks, concerts, workshops and exhibitions at the various museums in Leicester.



Does anyone remember ever seeing the 'tram pinch' sign?

the latest edition of *The WHO's What's* can always be found here:

www.hoap.co.uk/who/
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Festival of Archaeology

Leicestershire is once again making a substantial contribution to the Council of British Archaeology's national Festival of Archaeology which runs from 15th to 30th July. Details also online at www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/whatson and, for the Leicestershire events, leicsfieldworkers.co.uk Or, if you email me (bobtrubs@indigogroup.co.uk), I'll forward a PDF of the brochure for Leicestershire.



As part of the Festival I will be giving two talks, both at two locations:

'Little-known Leicestershire and Rutland' at Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester, on Monday 17th July at 2.30 and again on Thursday 27th July at St Peter's Church, Church Langton at 7.30.

'Medieval carvings of Leicestershire' at Ashby de la Zouch Museum on Wednesday 19th July at 2.30 (booking essential - contact me initially) and again on Monday 24th July at Jewry Wall Museum at 2.30.

All are free except at Ashby Museum, which costs £3.50.

Martin Luther and the East Midlands

A new WHO member is organising a conference to mark the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Reformation. This will be held at De Montfort University, Leicester on **Saturday 30th September** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with speakers including Richard Buckley, Deirdre O'Sullivan and Chris Brooke. Cost, including lunch and refreshments, £25 waged or £20 for concessions. Details from Professor Elizabeth Tingle: elizabeth.tingle@dmu.ac.uk

Jacobean crafts at Donington le Heath

On the first Sunday of every month from May to September between 11.00 and 3.30 costumed members of the Friends' Jacobean Craft Group will be in Donington le Heath house working on current projects. This is included in the normal admission cost (which is a for a year, not just day). Postcode is LE67 2FW. More details online at www.doningtonleheath.org.uk

Me? I just go there for the splendid cakes and other refreshments...

Great Central Railway

All the usual activities plus assorted special events are scheduled by the Great Central Railway – see www.gcrailway.co.uk for details.

You don't have to be interested in trains to visit their stations, it's enough to feel thirsty or peckish! If you've not been to the wonderful Ellis Tea Room at Rothley Station then you've not lived. And now there's the Granite Cafe at Mountsorrel (associated with the newly-constructed mineral line scheduled to fully open later this year) which is also proving to be a popular destination. Postcodes are LE7 7LA and LE7 7SJ respectively.

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Please let me know of any events in August and September which may be of interest to WHO members.