

L&NWR Society Jeremy Flegg Study Centre at Kenilworth

The London & North Western Railway Society has recently expanded its Study Centre, where visitors can gain access to the Society's extensive archives of documents, drawings and photographs, and browse the library of books and periodicals. These collections cover all aspects of the L&NWR, its constituents, joint lines and the later history of ex-L&NWR lines, locos, rolling stock and artefacts.



Collections

The document archive includes passenger and working timetables, operating instructions and circulars, publicity material, rolling stock diagram books and working diagrams, track maintenance diagrams, MoT accident reports, individuals' research notes and much more.

The drawing collection covers locomotives and rolling stock, buildings and structures, permanent way, track layouts, signalling and many other lineside items.

There is also a large collection of L&NWR official, commercial and enthusiasts' photographs of L&NWR subjects.

The Library comprises a collection of books and a large collection of railway magazines and periodical articles on all aspects of the L&NWR.

Catalogues of all of these collections are held on computer so that visitors can search by subjects, words or phrases, dates or combinations. There are also extensive computer based bibliographies of books and periodical articles that may also be searched. Other databases on L&NWR subjects are held on the computers for reference. PDF versions of the catalogues can be found on the Society web site www.lnwrs.org.uk.

The Society also has a small collection of LNWR artefacts displayed at the Study Centre.

Services

Visitors may purchase (cash or cheques only) copies of most material held at the Study Centre provided that the copies are for private research purposes only. Society members are entitled to a discount on copies, so please bring your membership card as proof. Some items have already been scanned and can be printed, in whole or in part, on request and there are copying facilities up to A3 size. Larger volume copy requests may have to be delivered by post if they cannot be fulfilled on the day of the visit. Photographs and copies of larger drawings may be ordered by post from the relevant Society Officer.

The use of digital cameras is allowed, subject to signing a copyright statement.

Visits

The L&NWR Society is an educational charity and, accordingly, the Study Centre is open to both Society members and the public for study and research. There is no charge for visiting the Study Centre but donations to help defray costs are always welcome.

There are now eight seats available at the Study Centre, but it is still desirable that visitors book at least a week in advance, a telephone call to David Patrick, 01270 666 459, is all that is needed. Proposed opening dates for 2015 are given below.

Location & Transport

The Study Centre is located on the northern outskirts of Kenilworth, off the A429 Coventry Road (see map). The address is Unit 6A, Princes Drive Industrial Estate, Coventry Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2FD.

By road there is easy access from the M6, M42 and M40. Parking is available just to the right of the entrance or on the estate road.

By public transport the nearest railway station is Coventry, from where there is a regular Stagecoach Midland Red X17 bus service (every 15 minutes between 09.35 and 15.08) from a stop on the station side of the bridge (turn left out of the station along a footpath up to the bridge) to the stop at Woodland Road (near Common Lane), Kenilworth, which is close to the industrial estate. Return buses stop opposite Woodland Road (every 15 minutes up to 15.42, then 20 mins. to 16.40 and then 30 mins. approx. to 18.07). The journey time is around 12 minutes. Please check times before you travel as they may change. (<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/warwickshire/timetables.php?depart=&arrive=&service=1133>)

Refreshments

Tea and coffee are available at the Study Centre but it is suggested that visitors bring a packed lunch or make use of one of the local hostellers.

Opening Dates for 2017

The Study Centre is open on one Saturday each month between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. There are also several weekday openings marked #. March 25th and July 1st are Modellers’ Events, April 22nd is an Introduction to Research day and 9th December is a Christmas Social. The opening dates are listed below.

January 28th	February 25th	March 8th #	March 18th
Mar 25th	April 12 th #	Apr 22nd	May 20th
June 7th #	June 24th	July 1st	July 15th
Sep 6th #	Sep 16th	Oct 4th #	Oct 21st
Nov 11th	Dec 9th		

