

LONDON & NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY SOCIETY

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In its heyday the London and North Western Railway was the largest railway company and joint stock enterprise in the world, spanning the early days of Stephenson's 'Rocket' to today's high speed 'Pendolinos' on what is now the world's busiest mixed traffic railway.

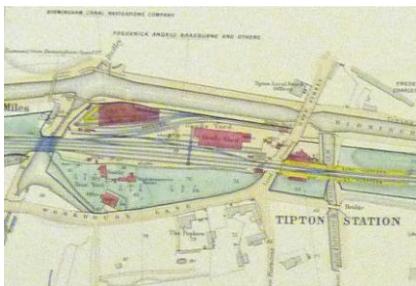


By 1911 it employed about 86,000 people among them 565 junior messengers, 125 shunting horse drivers, 11 lamp-lads and 427 stablemen and horse-keepers. It is believed that over its 75 years of existence about a quarter of a million people worked for the L&NWR.

In 1900 it had 3050 locomotives with 9500 carriages, 74900 wagons, 5500 horses, 6200 carts and it operated at 850 stations along 2920 miles of track.

The Society's **Archive and Study Centre** based in Kenilworth in Warwickshire provides access to an extensive collection of documents, drawings and photographs and a library of books and periodicals. The collection is not just about the L&NWR but also its constituent and associated companies and its successors, and as such provides a wealth of information for the **family historian, modeller and enthusiast**.

We have Board of Trade Accident Reports, staff records, L&NWR passenger and working timetables, operating instructions and circulars, minutes, publicity material, rolling stock diagram books and working diagrams, track maintenance diagrams, bequeathed research notes and so much more. So far we have catalogued over 11500 items to make them accessible to members and researchers of all kinds - with much more still to catalogue!



Our **Drawing Collection** covers locomotives and rolling stock, buildings and structures, permanent way, track layouts, signalling and many more lineside items.

This is a scan of Tipton Station, just part of a full colour 1886 Two-Chain Survey of the Stour Valley line.

And of course **Photographs**, – official, commercial and those taken by enthusiasts – and our **Library** of specialist books, railway magazines and periodical articles.

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The L&NWR Society Archive & Study Centre, Kenilworth

Member and Public Open Days 2020

Members wishing to attend on a **Wednesday** during the week can visit, by prior arrangement, by contacting **David Patrick on 01270 666 459** or library@lnwrs.org.uk

The Archive & Study Centre is open to the **public** between 10am and 4pm on:

Saturday 25 January

Saturday 29 February

Saturday 21 March

Saturday 25 April

Saturday 30 May

Saturday 27 June

Saturday 18 July

Saturday 5 September

Saturday 21 September

Saturday 24 October

Saturday 14 November

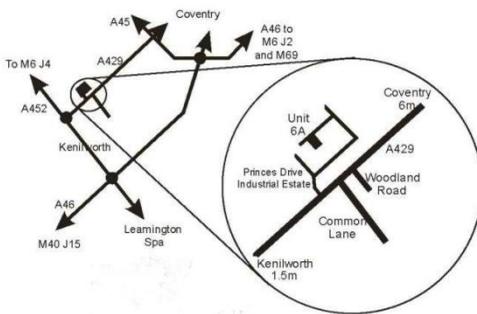
Saturday 12 December



The Reading Room has up to 15 study positions, arranged around three large map tables on which to view our collection items.

Using the Centre's computers visitors can search our extensive catalogue of collections by subject, keywords or date or access it online via the website and a downloadable pdf.

The system also holds detailed and searchable bibliographies of specialist railway books and periodicals and databases of L&NWR subjects held by third parties..



Unit 6A, Princes Drive Industrial Estate, Coventry Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2FD.

Tel 01926 850526 (Opening Hours Only)

Rail services to Kenilworth Station and then a taxi will take you to the study centre and there is also a bus service – for more details see our website [**www.lnwrs.org.uk**](http://www.lnwrs.org.uk)

There is disabled access to the Study Centre and Parking is available just to the right of the entrance or on the estate road.

The Study Centre is located on the northern outskirts of Kenilworth, off the A429 Coventry Road