

L&NWR Society

Jeremy Flegg Study Centre at Kenilworth

The London & North Western Railway Society has recently established a 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 for research purposes. 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, 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.

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 four seats available at the Study Centre, so it is essential that visitors book at least a week in advance, a telephone call or email is all that is needed. Anyone turning up without a booking will not be admitted. Proposed opening dates for 2010 are given overleaf.

To book a visit either use the booking form on the Society web site www.lnwr.org.uk or telephone the Archivist Dave Pennington 01276 500358. If there is a seat available, your booking will be confirmed.

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 for a small charge, but it is suggested that visitors bring a packed lunch or make use of one of the local hostellers.

Opening Dates for 2010

The Study Centre is open on one Saturday each month between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The proposed opening dates for 2010 are listed below, but will depend upon the demand for visits to the centre.

January 30th	February 27th	March 20th	April 24th
May 15th	June 12th	July 24th	August 21st
September 18th	October 30th	November 27th	December 11th

