

## Welcome

This calendar contains details of forthcoming regional events, seminars, and visits in the North East region held to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the death of Robert Stephenson. The meetings are open to members of the public, unless stated otherwise. Please note some events may involve a charge, indicated by (£), and or advance booking, indicated by (\*).

Please note that some exhibitions last for a duration of time and are advertised in the opening month, so please refer back should you wish to attend.

## Regional event information

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ICE Members can receive up to date regional news and events via e-mail when they register at MyICE at [www.ice.org.uk](http://www.ice.org.uk). Attendance at meetings and seminars can count towards Continuing Professional Development (CPD). An electronic copy of this programme card is available from [www.ice-northeast.org.uk/about/publications](http://www.ice-northeast.org.uk/about/publications).

We would like to thank all of the speakers and organisers listed in this programme for their ongoing commitment to promoting engineering knowledge.

## Robert Stephenson (1803 - 1859)

For further information about Robert Stephenson and the regional places to visit for an insight into his background, education, career and legacies please see the Northumbria Trail Leaflet.

A commemorative cover will be available to purchase in October, look out for further details.

June 2009			
Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Monday 1st June - Tuesday 29th Sept 1pm – 5pm daily except Wed	Berwick Civic Society	<b>Exhibition: Robert Stephenson and The Crossing of the Tweed</b> Royal Border Bridge and other record-breaking bridges across the Tweed	Main Guard, Palace Green, Berwick, TD15 1HR <b>Contact:</b> Philip Miller t: 07906 906057
Monday 15th June 10am - 3pm	ICE/ Berwick Library	<b>Bridge Building Workshop</b> Under the expert guidance of a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.	Berwick Library, Walkergate, Berwick-upon-Tweed <b>Contact:</b> Mike Gardiner <a href="mailto:emdeegee.input@virgin.net">emdeegee.input@virgin.net</a>
Thursday 18th June 7.30pm £5 entry	The Maltings Theatre & Arts Centre	<b>Railway Film Night: Featuring "The General"</b> . Shorts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Blue Pullman</li> <li>■ Lets Go To Birmingham</li> <li>■ Elizabethan Express</li> </ul>	The Maltings Theatre & Arts Centre, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1AJ <b>Box Office:</b> 01289 330999 <a href="http://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk">www.maltingsberwick.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 24th June 7.30pm	Berwick Committee	<b>Gus Fairburn Memorial Lecture: "Robert Stephenson – The Eminent Engineer"</b> Speaker: Dr Michael Bailey, Manchester University	William Elder Building, 56-58 Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1JT <b>Contact:</b> Bernard Shaw t: 01289 308005
Saturday - Sunday 27th & 28th June Sat, 11am - 5pm Sun, 11am - 4pm	Berwick Committee/ ICE	<b>Stephenson 150 Exhibition</b> Railway Treasures including Royal Border Bridge plans, photographs, artefacts, lecturettes, DVDs and nameplates	The Guildhall, Marygate, Berwick, TD15 1BN <b>Contact:</b> Linda Bankier t: 01289 301865

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Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Saturday 27th June Arrives Berwick at 12.30 (£) See website	Railway Touring Company	<b>Steam Excursion "The Heart of Midlothian" arranged by Railway Touring Company.</b> Why not take the free vintage bus from Berwick station to Berwick Barracks, Stephenson 150 Exhibition, Norham Station Museum, Heatherslaw Light Railway & Chain Bridge Honey Farm	Depart Peterborough Station (6.30am) and York Station (9am) t: 01553 661500 <a href="http://www.railwaytouring.co.uk/index.php/the-heart-of-midlothian---270609.html">www.railwaytouring.co.uk/index.php/the-heart-of-midlothian---270609.html</a>
Tuesday 30th June	ICE Graduates & Students	<b>Closing Date: Photographic Competition.</b> Submit your photographs of engineering icons	<b>Contact:</b> Laura Tweddle <a href="mailto:laura.tweddle@jacobs.com">laura.tweddle@jacobs.com</a>

July 2009			
Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Thursday 9th July 7.30pm £5 entry	The Maltings Theatre & Arts Centre	<b>Railway Film Night: Featuring "The 39 Steps"</b> Shorts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ John Betjeman Goes by train</li> <li>■ Look at Life on the Railways</li> </ul>	The Maltings Theatre & Arts Centre, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1AJ <b>Box Office:</b> 01289 330999 <a href="http://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk">www.maltingsberwick.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 29th July 7.30pm	Berwick Committee	<b>Gus Fairburn Memorial Lecture: "The Minor Railways of Berwick District"</b> A talk about the rail transport of fish, lime, stone and coal from rural communities. <b>Speaker:</b> Roger Jermy	Parish Centre, Parade, Wallace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed <b>Contact:</b> Bernard Shaw t: 01289 308005

August 2009			
Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Saturday 1st August 10am *Registration essential	Northumberland Railway Walkers	<b>Railway Walk: Cornhill – Kelso</b> 10 miles with break at Carham (5 miles) for those requiring a shorter walk. Free bus provided for return to Cornhill. Car parking available. Further walks planned in August see <a href="http://www.berwickmuseum/stephenson150.html">www.berwickmuseum/stephenson150.html</a> for details	Rickerby's Depot, Old Railway Station Yard, Cornhill, TG12 4UB <b>Contact:</b> Tourist Information t: 01289 330733
Saturday 1st August - Saturday 8th August 10am - 4pm	St. Mary's Ponteland	<b>Summer Festival of Pictures, Flowers and Music</b> Incorporating exhibitions on Robert Stephenson, William Weallens (one time Managing Director of Robert Stephenson & Co.) and Gosforth, Ponteland Railway	St. Mary's Church North Road, Ponteland NE20 9NU <b>Contact:</b> J Michael Taylor t: 01661 824017 <a href="mailto:jmichaeltaylor@btinternet.com">jmichaeltaylor@btinternet.com</a>
Sunday 9th August 11am - 4pm	Tyne & Wear Museums	<b>Wor Robert- Rocket Man!</b> Join us in Victorian costume to celebrate the achievements of Robert Stephenson in this fun packed day featuring science shows with Technology Tom, story-telling, family crafts, steam train rides and more!	Stephenson Railway Museum, Middle Engine Lane, North Shields, NE29 8DX t: 0191 200 7146

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Friday 14th August 6.30pm * Pre-booking essential	Berwick Youth Theatre	<b>Drama: The Opening of The Royal Border Bridge</b> A performance re-enacting the opening of the Royal Border Bridge by Queen Victoria herself!	Castle Vale Park, near Berwick Railway Station <b>Contact:</b> The Maltings t: 01289 330 999 <a href="http://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk">www.maltingsberwick.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 26th August 7.30pm	Berwick Committee	<b>Gus Fairburn Memorial Lecture: "The Newcastle and Berwick Railway 1839- 1850"</b> <b>Speaker:</b> John Addyman, Chairman North Eastern Railway Association	William Elder Building, 56-58 Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1JT <b>Contact:</b> Bernard Shaw t: 01289 308005
Thursday 27th August 7.30pm £5	The Maltings Theatre & Arts Centre	<b>Railway Film night: Featuring "The Lady Vanishes"</b> Shorts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ This is York</li> <li>■ Terminus</li> </ul>	The Maltings Theatre & Arts Centre, Berwick, TD15 1AJ <b>Box Office:</b> 01289 330999 <a href="http://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk">www.maltingsberwick.co.uk</a>
Saturday 29th August - Monday 31st 11am – 4pm Charges may apply on railway	Berwick Committee	<b>Railway Weekend</b> Family Event and Exhibitions at Heatherslaw on the 20th anniversary of the Light Railway and at Etal Village Hall on the history of railways in the area. Take a ride on the narrow gauge railway.	Etal Village Hall and Ford Forge, near. Cornhill-on-Tweed, TD12 4TJ <b>Contact:</b> Linda Bankier t: 01289 301865

September 2009			
Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Thursday 10th Sept – Sat 17th Oct 10am - 5pm Closed Sundays	Robert Stephenson Trust/ ICE	<b>Exhibition: Celebrating Robert Stephenson's achievements</b> Featuring London – Birmingham Railway Drawings * (also part of Heritage Open Days)	Arts Centre, 67 to 75 Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE1 1SG <b>Contact:</b> Arts Centre t: 0191 261 5618
Wednesday 9th Sept 7pm *FREE however, pre-booking essential	ICE Panel for Historical Engineering Works	<b>Lecture: Robert Stephenson</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Michael Bailey, Manchester University	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Barras Bridge, Newcastle, NE1 8PP <b>Contact:</b> J Michael Taylor t: 01661 824017 <a href="mailto:jmichaeltaylor@btinternet.com">jmichaeltaylor@btinternet.com</a>
Wednesday 9th - Sunday 27th Sept 10am - 5pm (£) English Heritage entry charges apply	Berwick Borough Museum/ICE	<b>Icon of the Steam Age Exhibition</b> An exhibition focusing on the Royal Border Bridge and East Coast Main Line, with items on loan from the Institution of Civil Engineers	Berwick Borough Museum, Berwick Barracks, Parade, TD15 1DQ t: 01289 301869 e: <a href="mailto:museum@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk">museum@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk</a>
Wednesday - Sunday 9th - 13th Sept	HODS	<b>Heritage Open Days Weekend</b> Look out for Stephenson related attractions taking place throughout the region in the detailed programme	Further information online at <a href="http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk">www.heritageopendays.org.uk</a>

## Robert Stephenson Commemorative Regional Events

This Programme Card has been produced by the Institution of Civil Engineers to document the many regional events taking place in the North East to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of one of the Region's finest engineers - Robert Stephenson. These events have been produced by the following organisations and associations:



- Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council
- Berwick Civic Society
- Berwick History Society
- Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)
- ICE Panel for Historical Engineering Works (PHEW)
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers
- Newcastle City Council
- North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers (NEIMME)
- Robert Stephenson Trust (RST)
- Stephenson Railway Museum
- Berwick Borough Museum
- Berwick Community Trust
- Citiassow Berwick
- Institution of Civil Engineers
- North East (ICE)
- Institution of Highways and Transportation (IHT)
- Locomotion
- Newcomen Society
- North Eastern Railway Association (NERA)
- Stephenson Locomotive Society, Newcastle upon Tyne Centre
- The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society

### For further information

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Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Saturday 12th Sept & Sunday 13th Sept 10am - 5pm	Tanfield Railway	<b>Legends of Industry Steam Gala Weekend</b> - offering a fantastic array of home fleet locomotives, visiting engines, an intensive timetable and a wide range of demonstrations, displays and trade stands for enthusiasts and families alike	Tanfield Railway, Andrewhouse, Old Marley Hill, Sunnyside, Gateshead, NE16 5ET <b>Contact:</b> Tommy Knox t: 0191 388 7545
Monday 28th Sept		<b>160th Anniversary: High Level Bridge</b>	

### October 2009

Friday 2nd Oct 7.00pm for 7.15pm	Stephenson Locomotive Society, Newcastle upon Tyne Centre	<b>Lecture: Robert Stephenson's Work in Egypt</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Alan Clothier, Stephenson Locomotive Society & Robert Stephenson Trust	Mining Institute, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE1 1SE <b>Contact:</b> John Irving t: 01434 688946
Wednesday 7th Oct 7.30pm	Berwick Committee	<b>Gus Fairburn Memorial Seminar: "The Future of the Railway in the UK"</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Andrew Mackie & Steve Milligan of Transport Scotland (reopening of the Waverley Route from Edinburgh to Tweedbank) Atkins Global Consultancy (High Speed link from London - Leeds)	William Elder Building, 56-58 Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1JT <b>Contact:</b> Bernard Shaw t: 01289 308005

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Wednesday 7th Oct – Saturday 24th Oct 12pm - 4pm	Berwick Committee	<b>Exhibition "Walls and Bridges"</b> Art exhibition of selected new works by visual and applied artists and photographers – specially created for the Stephenson 150	The Gymnasium Gallery Berwick Barracks, The Parade, Berwick-upon- Tweed, TD15 1DF <b>Contact:</b> 01289 304535 <a href="http://www.gymnasiumgallery.co.uk">www.gymnasiumgallery.co.uk</a>
Monday 12th Oct		<b>150th Anniversary of Robert Stephenson's death</b> Wreath Laying	Stephenson Monument, Newcastle upon Tyne
		Wreath Laying	Westminster Abbey, London
5.30pm		Evensong	St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne
Monday 12th Oct 11am – 4pm	North Tyneside Council	<b>Dial Cottage - open to the public</b> Late in 1804 the Stephenson family moved from Willington Quay to Killingworth. Encouraged by his father, Robert constructed the sun-dial placed over the cottage door.	108 Great Lime Road, West Moor, Killingworth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 7DQ

### October 2009... continued

Date and Time	Organiser	Topic & Speaker	Venue & Contact
Monday 12th Oct - Friday 27th Nov 10am to 4pm daily	Friends of the National Railway Museum (North East)	<b>Stephensons' Railway Exhibition</b> Come along to The National Railway Museum at Shildon and discover more about the Stephenson Family and their rich railway heritage.	Collection Building at Locomotion, The National Railway Museum at Shildon, DL4 1PQ t: 01388 777999 <a href="http://www.locomotion.uk.com">www.locomotion.uk.com</a>
Wednesday 14th Oct 11am	Robert Stephenson Trust/ NEIMME	<b>Lecture: "Robert Stephenson - Railway Engineer"</b> <b>Speaker:</b> John Addyman, Chairman North Eastern Railway Association & author 'R. Stephenson Railway Engineer'	The Mining Institute, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE1 1SE <b>Contact:</b> J Michael Taylor <a href="mailto:jmichaeltaylor@btinternet.com">jmichaeltaylor@btinternet.com</a>
Friday 16th Oct 6.30pm *Pre-booking Essential	Berwick Committee	<b>Norham Station Museum Visit</b> Guided tour of Norham railway station, closed under Beeching in 1965 and preserved ever since. In the signal box showing of the classic ghost story, "The Signalman"	Norham Railway Station Museum, near Norham <b>Contact:</b> Tourist Information t: 01289 330733
Friday 16th Oct 7.00pm for 7.15pm	Stephenson Locomotive Society	<b>Tilting the Advance Passenger Train – Experimental</b> Kit Spackman, Tilt System Engineer, APT-E Support Group	The Mining Institute, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE1 1SE <b>Contact:</b> John Irving t: 01434 688946

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Friday 16th Oct		<b>206th Anniversary of Robert Stephenson's birth</b>	
Friday 16th Oct 7pm (£)	Robert Stephenson Trust/NEIMME	<b>Celebration Dinner</b> A celebration to recognise the achievements of Robert Stephenson (DOB 16th October 1803)	Thistle Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, NE1 5DF (TBC) <b>Contact:</b> Mining Institute <a href="http://www.mininginstitute.org.uk">www.mininginstitute.org.uk</a>
Wednesday 21st Oct 6pm	ICE G&S	<b>Photographic Exhibition and Awards</b> Exhibition of submitted photographs depicting Civil Engineering Icons in the Region including a Robert Stephenson inspired category	Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle, NE1 4JA <b>Contact:</b> Laura Tweddle e: <a href="mailto:laura.tweddle@jacobs.com">laura.tweddle@jacobs.com</a>
Tuesday 17th Nov 5.30pm for 6.00pm	Newcomen Society, IMechE & Stephenson Locomotive Society	<b>Lecture: "Robert Stephenson - Mechanical Engineer"</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Michael Bailey	Great Hall, Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle, NE1 4JA <b>Contact:</b> Doug Shearer t: 01661 824655

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