

RAILWAY 2024

JULY 2024: CRICH TRAMWAY MUSEUM

The Railway Group incorporates visits to a range of transport themed destinations.

This includes the recent visit to **Cheltenham** and **The Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway**.

We hold a monthly meeting at the Bread and Bitter in Mapperley Plains every 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join a meeting and enjoy a coffee and a social discussion on Railways and Transport you will receive a warm welcome.

Cheltenham was followed by a visit to **Crich Tramway Museum**. Stan Bown provided the following report and photos.



Arriving on a reasonably warm morning our visit started with a short walk to the depot/works and museum. Inside the museum there is a wealth of tram history starting with the horse drawn trams from the 1880s right through to more modern trams from the 1950s with much information on each one.

Then a short walk to the depot to see many of the trams in use on a daily basis and finally the last building - the works - in which much of the restoration work is done on the trams. In here was LCC tram no1 just recently restored to its original 1932 style blue & white livery. Next was a well earned cuppa in the Red Lion (as the café is being restored - ready approx. November) a well restored pub from Stoke on Trent.

Time to have a ride on the trams - Chesterfield 7 was chosen and upstairs front to view the amazing scenery up to the end of the line - handing over an old penny to gain the ticket for the day - with views of the Sherwood Regiment Memorial in the distance then a change of ends at the top we then dropped back down to Wakebridge to see the mining exhibition and a walk via the woodland walk (containing many wood sculptures and other interesting items) back to the picnic area and the Bowes Lyons Bridge.

A quick visit to the souvenir shop, sweet shop, print hut and an exhibition in the Derby Assembly rooms - a bite to eat (again upstairs in the Red Lion) then on to ride the trams for the rest of the day. A fantastic day out and the ticket price last for 12 months (not including special days).

Stan Bown

