

# The Institution of Engineering and Technology - Lancashire and Cumbria Network

## Lecture Programme January 2024 - July 2024

Date/Time	Event Title:	Venue	Organised by & Contact	Speaker	Synopsis
Wednesday 15th May 14:00 to 19:00 (by appointment)	<b>Membership Clinic</b>	<b>Macdonald Tickled Trout Hotel Preston New Rd Samlesbury Preston PR5 0UJ</b>	Organised by: <b>IET</b> Contact: <b>Peter Roberts</b> pe.roberts@ietvolunteer.org 07718058299.	<b>IET Professional Registration Advisors</b>	For individuals seeking to develop their careers, for example via CEng, IEng, or Eng Tech we are offering one-to-one advice. Membership advisors will be available for 1-1 discussions. If you are interested in booking an appointment, please send an email to rssu@theiet.org to book a slot (booking is essential). We are envisaging the event will be from 2pm to 7pm at the Tickled Trout in Preston, PR5 0UJ. You should provide details of the level of professional registration you wish to apply for, together with a contact telephone number; your membership number (if applicable); and any preferred times for your appointment. For individuals seeking to develop their careers, for example via CEng, IEng, or Eng Tech we are offering one-to-one advice. The experts from IET HQ will be available, along with local membership and mentoring advisors. If you are interested in booking an appointment, please send an email to rssu@theiet.org with the heading "Preston - 15 May" in the subject line (booking is essential). You should provide details of the level of professional registration you wish to apply for, together with a contact telephone number; your membership number (if applicable); and an approximate time for your appointment.
Wednesday 15th May 18:30	<b>A Day In The Life Of A Rail Inspector</b>	<b>The Samlesbury Hotel Preston New Road Samlesbury Preston PR5 0UL</b>	Organised by: <b>IET</b> Contact: <b>Bill Wilcock</b> (bill.wilcock@ietvolunteer.org)	<b>Neil Gove</b> HM Inspector of Rail Accidents	The talk will explain the role and workings of the RAIB, the UK's independent accident investigator for railways and tramways. It will then consider some recent investigations to illustrate the range of work the Branch undertakes in order to understand the causes of accidents and to learn safety lessons from them.
Thursday 16th May 11:00	<b>Devil's Porridge</b>	<b>Shap Wells Hotel Shap Nr Penrith CA10 3QU</b>	Organised by: <b>IET Retired Members</b> Contact: <b>Suzanne Flynn</b> (suzanne.flynn@ietvolunteer.org)	<b>John Anstey</b> Trustee, Eastriggs & Gretna Heritage Group	<p>Early in 1915, in response to a growing shortage of munitions, the government commissioned a huge new cordite factory on the Anglo-Scottish border. The 9 mile long site was remote, thinly populated and with little infrastructure. In August, 10,000 Irish Navvies started arriving, building their own timber houses before starting construction of the biggest factory in the world. Work also started on 2 new Garden Townships to house the 8,000 managers and 12,000, mostly women, workers coming to "stir the Devil's Porridge". Astonishingly, within 12 months, cordite was being produced and in May 1917 the King and Queen came to celebrate production reaching 800 tons a week which was as much as all the other Royal Ordinance Factories combined.</p> <p>HM Factory Gretna transformed our region and the story told by the Devil's Porridge Museum sheds light on an overlooked aspect of the War. The talk will cover the use of cordite, the building of the factory and of Eastriggs and Gretna, the role of women in the production process and the government response to perceived excessive drinking by workers at the factory.</p> <p>There is an optional lunch (£20pp) after the lecture at 12:30. Booking for this is essential using the form available on the website.</p>

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