

# OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION



**CELEBRATING 175 YEARS  
OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
**at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot**  
**and at the Didcot Railway Centre**



- 9.30**            **Coffee and Registration**
- 10.00**            **The Building of the Great Western Railway**  
Peter Lugg had a 43 year career in British railways which began in the era of steam. He was Materials Manager to the Director of Civil Engineering at Paddington before retirement, and then Consultant on, among other things, the rail used in the Channel Tunnel. He was elected Vice-President of The Permanent Way Institution for 2001 and 2002.
- 11.00**            **Didcot – The Effect on the Town of the Arrival of the Railway**  
Joyce Hall was founder member of both the Abingdon and Didcot Archaeological and Historical societies. She co-authored “The Changing Face of Didcot” with local historian Brian Lingham.
- 12.00**            **Western Region Onwards – The Modern Era**  
Laurence Waters has had more than twenty-five books published on railway and other local history topics. He is photo archivist of the Great Western Trust.
- 1.00**            **Lunch**  
There is a café in the Centre, or several others nearby.
- 2.30**            **Guided Visit to The Didcot Railway Centre**  
Meet at the Entrance, a short distance from the Cornerstone Centre, see map overleaf. The cost of the visit is included in the price.