

## Talks & Walk programme – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Adam Partington** 11.30 am to 12.30 at the Gothic Warehouse, First Floor

#### **Derwent Valley Mills: A World Heritage Site at risk?**

After the successful survey of over 1000 heritage assets, Adam Partington reviews the results of the community-led project investigating the condition of the World Heritage site and considers future options.

**Doreen Buxton** 13.00 to 14.30 at the Willersley Castle, Mews Conference Room

**A history of the view from here**, the changes the Arkwright family made in the landscape as seen from Willersley Castle including a short walk to view Masson Mill from river level.

**Hugh Potter** 14.30 to 16.00 at the Gothic Warehouse, First Floor

#### **Then and Now on the Cromford Canal**

Friends of Cromford Canal's Archivist, Hugh Potter compares historic images of the canal within the World Heritage Site with the same views today. Followed by a guided walk around the historic Cromford Canal Wharf.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

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**Peter South** 11.00 am at the Gothic Warehouse, First Floor

#### **The History of Cromford Mills and Sir Richard Arkwright**

Step back in time to when Sir Richard Arkwright pioneered the world's first successful water powered cotton spinning mill at Cromford. Hear more about the secrets of Sir Richard Arkwright's work and why he chose the Derwent Valley.

### Venues:

#### Cromford Mills

#### Directions:

**By car:** Cromford stands on the A6, 17 miles north of Derby. It is within easy reach of the M1 - about 20 minutes. Satnav - please use postcode DE4 3RQ.

**By train:** there is a regular service between Derby and Matlock which stops at Cromford. The trains are operated by East Midlands Trains. Train times can be consulted on their [website](#) (link is external)

**By bus:** there are two services from Derby, the TransPeak operated by [High Peak](#) and the 6.1 operated by [Trent Barton](#). Telephone: 01773 712265. Full bus information and timetable is available on their websites.

**Access:** the Gothic Warehouse first floor is not accessible by wheelchair. The Mill/Wharf complexes are accessible by wheelchair, but there is some uneven surfaces.

#### Willersley Castle

#### Directions:

If using SATNAV please enter post code DE4 5JG

**By road from the South:**

Take the M1 to junction 26 and follow the A610 towards Ripley. Follow the A610 until you reach the A6 and turn right.

At Cromford turn right at the traffic lights, and follow the road past the mill. Willersley Castle Hotel's driveway is immediately on the left after you cross the bridge.

**By road from the North:**

Take the M1 to junction 28 and follow the A38 towards Derby. Follow signs to Matlock via the A615. At the roundabout in Matlock turn left and follow A6 through Matlock Bath to Cromford.

Turn left at traffic lights past the mill. Willersley Castle Hotel's driveway is immediately on the left after you cross over the bridge.

**By Rail:**

Trains are available to Cromford on the Derby – Matlock line. It is advisable to check with your railway station for times and connections. Only limited services are available on Sundays.

Leave Cromford Station, turn right just before the bridge into the drive of Willersley Castle Hotel. The hotel is a 10 minute walk from Cromford station.

If a taxi is required, please arrange at Derby Station or before your journey, as there is no telephone at Cromford Station.

**Access:** the Mews conference is accessible by wheelchair. Parts of the ground/main building are not accessible via wheelchair. <https://www.christianguild.co.uk/willersley/access.php>

For more information visit: <http://www.derwentvalleymills.org/events/>

