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LONDON – PARIS: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Date and times: Saturday 14 September 2019 from 10.15 am to 3.30pm
Venue: Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE
Tutor: Peter Enser

Please ensure you use the long term parking bays

Content of the day: London and Paris have been key settlements for over two millennia and the journey between them one of special significance. Successive advances in road, rail, sea and air transportation have totally transformed this iconic journey and we will look at passengers’ experience as it evolves from several days of grim tedium to little more than two hours of deeply padded convenience today.

Lunches are available to purchase at the on-site café or you can bring your own packed lunch. Tea / coffee will be provided at morning and lunch breaks.

Timetable and Programme

9.45 am	Registration
10.15 am - 11.30 am	1750 – 1875: The journey from London to Paris takes the greater half of a week with horse drawn coaches on both sides and sailing boats between. The move to steam power and development of railways means considerable improvement and brings the two cities within a day’s travelling time.
11.30 am – 12 noon	<i>Coffee / tea</i>
12 noon – 1.15 pm	1875 – 1950: Still many trials and tribulations for passengers with some improvements in the last quarter of the 19th Century and shorter journey times reflecting powerful new technologies. The inter war years see the maturing of pioneering, fragile and expensive airline services.
1.15pm - 2.15 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.15pm - 3.30 pm	1950 – 2019: The conventional journey by train and ship recovers much of its élan and air travel and transport continues to grow. Rising car ownership and motorway development stimulate road borne traffic and the Channel Tunnel opens in 1994, followed by the high-speed rail link. This, together with the transition of St Pancras station, makes the journey between the centres of London and Paris little more than two hours.

About the tutor Peter Enser is Emeritus Profess of Information Science at the University of Brighton. After his long academic career his fascination with the social history of information, communication and transport technologies has continued into retirement.

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