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Follow Miles' journey as he celebrates the 200th anniversary of the modern railway by visiting EMR stations, heritage railway locations and places of interest across the East Midlands Railway network.



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Follow Miles' journey and collect plaque rubbings from across the East Midlands Railway network.

We've installed 14 rubbing posts at EMR stations and heritage railway locations across the East Midlands network for you to find.

Spot the 'Railway Rubbing Trail' stamps throughout the book and visit any of the locations to collect your Miles plaque rubbing.

Don't forget to scan the QR code for more information on where to find each plaque and for more details on our exclusive Railway 200 competition.



LONDON ST PANCRAS

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Miles' magical journey**

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*One sunny morning with the sky so blue,
Miles thought, "Today I'll try something new!"*

*"I'll set off from Sheffield, head down the line
to adventure into the past, through railways in time."*



*With a toot and a whistle off Miles sped,
his journey through history just ahead.*

*At Barrow Hill Roundhouse he made his first stop,
where steam trains pass through, with a clunk and a clomp.*

*"Hello old engines, majestic and grand."
Miles greeted them with the shake of a hand.*

*He learned how they puffed,
how they chugged and they steamed,
and how once long ago,
they made every child beam.*





*Back on the Main Line, Miles whooshed off with flair,
to the Midland Railway through the countryside air.*

*At Ecclesbourne Valley he found carriages old,
and tales of adventures from times untold.*



*"Look," said the Guardsman in uniform neat,
"This train here once carried the Queen in her seat."*

*Miles gasped in awe and smiled with glee,
at the thought of such royal history.*

Next Miles journeyed to Matlock Bath, where the Heights of Abraham echo stories from the past.

Rails built through rock to carry treasures from below, now cable cars glide overhead, where only steam would go.



Miles admired the view from way up high, as the illuminations twinkled over the river and sky.

The legacy of mining and the railways combined, in the Peaks - where past and present brightly shine.



As Miles rolled into Derby the station stood proud, brimming with history he felt so wowed.

George Henry Rickman, the first railway master so keen, kept watch over the trains and tracks in between.

Past the Museum of Making where stories come alive, crafts of the railway where memories thrive.

From engines and carriages, each tale unfolds, in Derby's rich heritage, a treasure of gold.



STATION MASTER

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The world's first factory

The Silk Mill, widely regarded as the world's first modern factory, was built by the Lombe brothers. Operating on this site from 1733, it employed workers and produced thread on a scale never seen before.



*Onwards he rolled into Loughborough station,
to the Great Central Railway, what a sensation!*

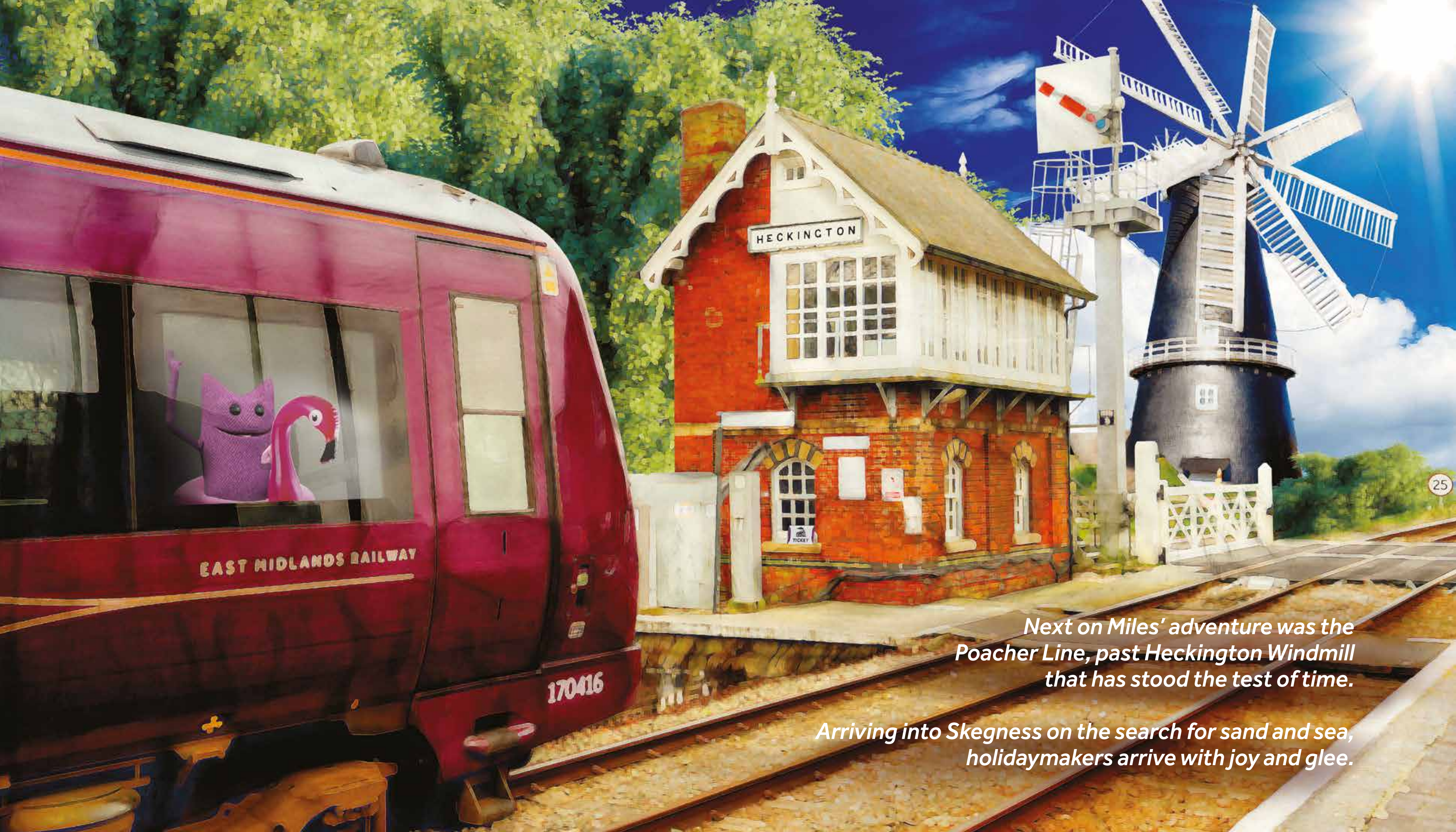
*With the whistles and steam he felt so alive,
as the memories of travel continued to thrive.*





*Through Nottingham he zoomed
bypassing Ruddington next,
visiting museums where engines can rest.*

*The GCR Heritage Centre told stories galore,
of ticket booths, signals and much much more.*



Next on Miles' adventure was the Poacher Line, past Heckington Windmill that has stood the test of time.

Arriving into Skegness on the search for sand and sea, holidaymakers arrive with joy and glee.



*Made famous by Billy Butlin who first travelled there by rail,
creating a holiday park where fun always prevails.*

*Whether the sun is shining or the skies are grey,
a visit to Skegness will brighten anyone's day.*

*After a day full of fun and arcades galore,
Miles jumped on the train to Nottingham once more.*

*As he looked at his map to plan his next stop,
he dreamed of London and the sights he could spot.*



*As he reached St Pancras, his journey's end near,
Miles had one more visit that filled him with cheer.*

*At London's Transport Museum he gazed in awe,
at the history of transit, and all that he saw.*

London Transport Museum



Miles 2025



Metropolitan Railway steam locomotive No. 23, 1866



1967 Tube Stock No. 3052



London Underground 1938-tube stock



TICKET

*As night time approached he rushed
back to the station, excitement in the air,
a sense of elation.*

*As he passed groups of travellers
boarding the Eurostar, Miles waved them
off as they travelled afar.*

*With luggage in hand and smiles all
around, they journeyed to Paris
where dreams can be found.*

*He watched the train pull off, sleek and
bright in the night, disappearing down
the tracks, a flash of pure light.*



*In that moment of magic he felt a connection,
to all of the travellers, their hopes and direction.*

*As the train pulled away he couldn't help but cheer,
for every goodbye means a journey is near.*



*So if you see Miles on your travels ahead,
waving and smiling, with stories to spread.*

*Remember his tale of history and fun,
the railway is full of wonders, for everyone.*





How many hidden train tickets can you help Miles find throughout the book?

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