



WARWICKSHIRE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY COMMENCING 1993

1993

13th May 1993

John Haslam:

will lead a walk around the Chapelfields area of Coventry. Please meet at the junction of Craven Street and Allesley Old Road at 7.00 p.m. This walk will be in conjunction with the Coventry Watchmakers' Project.

15th May 1993

A visit to Hemmings Brickworks, 274, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry (with the entrance at the side of Uni-Rents).

10th June 1993

A joint meeting with Atherstone Civic Society taking the form of a walk around Atherstone. Meet at 7.00 p.m. in the car park at Atherstone Station. (Judy Vero suggests M69-A5; Martin Green prefers M42 - A5; Toby Cave would use "the attractive route" via Meriden, Fillongley and beyond. Your choice!)

27th June 1993

Visit to the cement works at Long Itchington at 10.30 a.m. This is by ticket only, and the Society has applied for 25.

8th July 1993

Peter Chater:

will lead a walk from Newbold on Avon to Long and Little Lawford, with a return along the Oxford Canal. Please meet at 7.00 p.m. by the two pubs - the Boat and the Barley Mow - close to the canal and the church in Newbold.

10th July 1993

Open Day at GEC Alsthom, Rugby.

Details to be published.

14th October 1993

Alan Cook:

will speak on "Coal Mining in the Nuneaton Area" at 7.30 p.m. in the Warwick School Junior Drama Hall.

16th October 1993

Visit to the Rugby Works of the Rugby Cement Company. Details can be obtained from Toby.

11th November 1993

Geoffrey Starmer:

will give an illustrated talk on "The Warwickshire Cement Industry." Mr. Starmer, as well as being an expert on the cement industry, is also Secretary of the Northamptonshire Industrial Archaeology Group.

9th December 1993

Sid Canning:

will present a talk entitled "Recollections of the Birmingham Paint Industry" at 7.30 p.m. in the Warwick School Junior Drama Hall.

1994**13th January 1994**

Our Annual Members' Evening of slides and videos at 7.30 p.m. in the Warwick School Junior Drama Hall.

10th February 1994

Anita Hollier:

will talk on the "Early Development of British Petroleum Marketing in Great Britain". This will be based on the BP Archives, now housed in the Modern Records Centre of the University of Warwick.

10th March 1994

Annual General Meeting, followed by Roger Cragg on "The Life and Works of Thomas Telford" at 7.30 p.m. in the Warwick School Junior Drama Hall.

14th April 1994

Arthur Jordan:

on the "Great Central Railway" at 7.30 p.m. in the Warwick School Junior Drama Hall.

12th May 1994

Visit to the Modern Records Centre and British Petroleum Archives at the University Of Warwick. Organised by Richard Storey and Anita Hollier. Limited to 15 members.

26th May 1994

Visit to Longbridge Sewage Treatment Plant. Arranged by Severn Trent Water pic. Details to be announced. Limited to 20 -25 members.

22nd June 1994

Peter Chater:

continues his series of walks with a visit to the Oxford Canal. Please meet at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.15 p.m. start on the A423 Southam to Banbury road, near the old Fenny Compton Tunnel. There is parking space by the side of the road for a number of cars.

13th October 1994

John Selby:

one of our members, will talk on his research into The Tunnel Brickworks, Fenny Compton'.

10th November 1994

Alan Cook:

on 'Further aspects of the Industrial History of Nuneaton'. This is a follow-up to his highly successful talk to the Society last year.

8th December 1994

Rita Morton:

Talk on the Elan Valley Dams. This will provide a fascinating insight into a piece of industrial and social history.

1995

12th January 1995

Members Evening:

This is a chance for members to show some of the slides and videos that they have been taking, or simply to give a short presentation on a topic that interests them. We also hope to have an IRIS update at this meeting, with plans established for the coming twelve months.

9th February 1995

'The Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway' by Roger Cragg.

Roger has given us much insight into our Civil Engineering heritage and he now turns his attention to a railway close to his heart.

9th March 1995

"The Machine Tool Industry of Coventry" by Arthur Astrop. Arthur has provided an introduction to this topic elsewhere in this issue.

13th April 1995

Trevor Lord:

of the Motor Museum at Gaydon will talk on The History of Petrol Filling Stations in Great Britain in the 1920s and 1930s."

11th May 1995

AGM followed by speaker to be arranged.

8th June 1995

Members Evening and IRIS Update. A similar venture to the January meeting, with plans established for the summer months.

13th July 1995

'Shop front geology" A guided tour of Leamington Spa by Mr. John Crossling. Please meet at the top of the western (Tesco) end of the Parade, Leamington Spa at 7.15 p.m. This is strongly recommended.

10th August 1995

John Haslam:

has led us into 'unknown' territory in Coventry before and he continues this with a walk around Earlsdon. Please meet at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.15 p.m. start outside Earlsdon Library.

10th September 1995

Sunday visit to Rugby Cement Open Day at Southam Works. Tickets available from the Chairman in due course.

14th September 1995

Dr. Nigel Crowe:
Heritage Officer, British Waterways The British Waterways
Architectural Heritage Survey'.

12th October 1995

Dr. Shirley Rodden:
The Telford Memorial Library*
followed by IA of Warwickshire: Bridges by Roger Cragg.

9th November 1995

Roger Waring:
The Stonebridge Railway'
followed by IA of Warwickshire: Railway Stations by Peter Chater.

14th December 1995

Rita McLean:
on the Soho House Project, Birmingham.

1996

11th January 1996

Members Evening and IRIS Report followed by IA of Warwickshire: Gasworks by Toby Cave.

8th February 1996

Gillian Bardsley:
The History of the Lucas Company of Birmingham' followed by IA of Warwickshire: Ironstone
Quarries by Mark Abbott

14th March 1996

Keith Croucher:
on 'Lead Mining in the Peak District'.

11th April 1996

Trevor Lord:
of the Gaydon Motor Museum on the History of Petrol Filling Stations in Great Britain during the
1920s and 1930s

9th May 1996

AGM followed by 'Railway Adventures around Nuneaton' by Peter Lee.

13th June 1996

Members Evening and IRIS Report.

12th September 1996

Huw Jones:
Keeper of Industry, Herbert Museum, Coventry.
The Coventry Silk Weaving Industry'

10th October 1996

John Goode:
The History of the Warwick GasWorks'

14th November 1996

C. Innes Jones:
'Leamington's Water Supply

12th December 1996

V.C.Miles:
'West Midlands Gas Appliance Manufacturers'

1997

9th January 1997

Members Evening and IRIS Report

13th February 1997

Mark Singlehurst and Kevin Wilkins:
'Coventry Car Factories'. Mark and Kevin played a major role in producing the Centenary Guide to the remaining sites in the City.

13th March 1997

Andrew Baxter:
'Roman Engineering'

10th April 1997

Barrie Trinder:
The industrial archaeology of the milk train! We are very fortunate to have a visit from of the country's leading experts on industrial archaeology.

8th May 1997

Roy Thomas:
The engineering work of Frederick Lanchester'.

12th June 1997

AGM

27th June 1997

'A walk in the Offchurch area'. This is another in the series of evening walks organised and researched by Peter Chater, one of our members.

11th July 1997

An evening visit to the Warwick Railway Museum.

11th September 1997

Ron Hall:
'Letter Boxes and their History.'

9th October 1997

Ray Shill:
'The Birmingham Canal System and its Carriers.'

13th November 1997

Robert Herring:
'Restoring Vintage farm Machinery'.

11th December 1997

Roger Cragg:
'The London and Birmingham Railway.'

1998

9th January 1998

Michael Price:
'The South Wales Railway Coal Trade'.
Illustrated by video.

13th February 1998

Edward Woodward:
'The Coventry Canal'.

12th March 1998

Jim Foster:
"Aspects of the History of the Telephone System".

9th April 1998

Fire Service Preservation Group - Midlands Branch.
Speaker and subject to be confirmed.

14th May 1998

Keith Thomas:
'Brickmaking in North Warwickshire'

11th June 1998

Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening.

9th July 1998

Gazetteer Group Meeting, An attempt to make a positive start to the task of listing IA sites in Warwickshire. All members welcome.

10th September 1998

John Burge:
Chairman of Friends of Ferguson Heritage: The History of the Ferguson Tractor*

8th October 1998

Steve Bagley:
Curator of the Coventry Motor Museum:
The History of Car Making in Coventry.

12th November 1998

Adrian Shooter of Chiltern Railways:
The Chiltern Railway System.*

10th December 1998

TBA

1999

14th January 1999

Glynne Bowsler:
'The Thrust Project'.

11th February 1999

Roger Butler of British Waterways:
'Aspects of the Canal System.*'

11th March 1999

David Fry:
'Coventry's Industrial Heritage as seen through old postcards.'

8th April 1999

Mr. Duston of the Fire Service Preservation:
'Group Fire Fighting through the Ages.'

13th May 1999

TBA

10th June 1999

Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening.

9th September 1999

Anthony Coulls:
'Adventures of an Industrial Archaeologist.'

14th October 1999

Roger Bailey:
'The Development of the Coventry Transport System'.

11th November 1999

Richard Drew:
'The Early History of Electricity in Leamington Spa.'

9th December 1999

David Hooper:
'What the Butler saw at the end of the Pier'.
A look at the history of slot machines.

2000

13th January 2000

Roger Butler:
'A further look at our Canal Heritage.'

10th February 2000

Donald Rushton, M.A., C. Eng:
'The Victorian Engineers that Changed the World'.

9th March 2000

Arthur Astrop:
'More recollections of the Machine Tool Industry.'

13th April 2000

Robin Leach:
Mill End, Kenilworth: the last 150 years'.

11th May 2000

A speaker from the Midland Air Museum.

8th June 2000

Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening.

13th July 2000

Members' Research Evening.

14th September 2000

Ian Frimston:
Three local aerodromes: Wellesbourne, Gaudon, Shennington.

12th October 2000

Cliver Hester of Ordnance Survey:
The history of Ordnance Survey.

9th November 2000

Mark Barnard:
The development of the Rover gas turbine car.

14th December 2000

Keith Draper of the Coventry Evening Telegraph:
Aspects of Coventry's industry.

2001

11th January 2001

Maureen Bourne:
Francis Skidmore of Coventry the famous 19c metalworker

8th February 2001

David Kennet of the British Brick Society:
The development of brickmaking in the British Isles.

8th March 2001

M.T. Sharman:
Warwickshire Bridges, how the county council looks after our local bridges.

12th April 2001

Barrie Tinder:
The I.A of two world wars: manufacturing industries and their problems.

10th May 2001

TBA

14th June 2001

AGM and members' evening.

12th July 2001

Members' research evening.

13th September 2001

Roger Cragg:

The history of railway signalling.

11th October 2001

Brian Rednap, former City Engineer of Coventry:

Thoughts on planning of Coventry from a historical point of view.

8th November 2001

Nigel Crowe of British Waterways:

Recent work at British Waterways.

13th December 2001

Jo Bell:

Exploring Telford's Welsh Road.

2002

10th January 2002

TBA

14th February 2002

J. M. Carrington:

The Motorway Archive and the preservation of documents telling the story of the construction of British Motorways.

14th March 2002

Anthony Coulls:

Power in Manchester; the Energy Collection of the Museum of Science & Industry.

11th April 2002

Brian Stokes:

How Automotive products became Leamington Spa's largest manufacturing company.

9th May 2002

Geoffrey Starmer:

Changes in IA in Northants in the last 35 years.

13th June 2002

Peter Lee:

Railways in the Warwickshire Coalfield.

11th July 2002

AGM followed by Lyndon F Cave:

How to make cement and concrete, the Warwickshire cement industry.

12th September 2002

Peter Lee:

Railways in the Warwickshire Coalfield.

10th October 2002

Charles Catt:

Why Roads Exist.

14th November 2002

Dr. John Bland:

Coal Mining in North Warwickshire.

12th December 2002

Paul Howells:

Restoring the Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa.

2003

9th January 2003

Peter Coulls:

A Look at the History of Fairground Machines.

13th February 2003

Speaker and Subject to be confirmed.

13th March 2003

Huw Jones:

Coventry's Engineering Heritage.

10th April 2003

Alan Cooke:

Subject to be confirmed.

8th May 2003

Peter Cross-Rudkin:

Some Warwickshire Eighteenth Century Engineers and their Work.

12th June 2003

Speaker and Subject to be confirmed.

10th July 2003

Society AGM, followed by

Lyndon F. Cave:

Brickmaking in Warwickshire.

11th September 2003

Dr. Michael Hodder:

The Industrial Archaeology of Birmingham.

9th October 2003

Mr. John Boynton:

Railways to Stratford-upon-Avon.

13th November 2003

Regional Survey:

A presentation by members of the Society on the industrial archaeology of the Warwick District.

11th December 2003

Dr. Barrie Trinder:

The Industrial Archaeology of the Market Town.

2004

8th January 2004

Dr. Anthony Streeten:

Industrial World Heritage Sites in the UK:

Successful Nominations and Future Prospects.

12th February 2004

An Evening Led by Members of the Society:

The Stratford District.

11th March 2004

Dr. Alan Cooke:

Once Upon a Time - the World's Thickest Coal Seam.

The Geological Story of the Warwickshire Coalfield.

8th April 2004

Mr. Ken Chapman:

Troth and Hillson: The Langley Ploughmakers.

May 13th 2004

Mr. Mike Rumbold:

Some History of the Weedon Royal Ordnance Depot.

June 10th 2004

Dr. George Noszlopy:

The Public Sculpture of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire: Some Industrial Connections.

July 8th 2004

Society AGM and Members' Contributions.

September 9th 2004

Mrs. T. Demidowicz:

The Birmingham Jewellery Quarter.

October 14th 2004

Mr. D. Fowler:

The History of Cheese and Cheese Making in Warwickshire. Includes cheese tasting!

November 11th 2004

Mr. J. Boynton:

The London and Birmingham Railway.

December 9th 2004

Mr. J. Burton:

Ribbon-weaving and Hat-making in the Bedworth Area.

2005

January 13th 2005

Dr. Mike Hodder and Mrs. Toni Demidowicz:

The Birmingham Glass Industry.

February 10th 2005

Mr. George Sayell:

The Old Mineral Line, West Somerset.

March 10th 2005

Mr. David Depledge:

Coventry Airport: Past, Present and Future.

April 14th 2005

Members' Evening:

The Industrial Archaeology of the Rugby District.

May 12th 2005

Mr. Peter Cross-Rudkin:

William James: Father of the Railways?

June 9th 2005

Mr. Martin Green:

Aspects of the Industrial Archaeology of New Zealand.

July 14th 2005

Mr. Mike Buxton:

Milestones: Warwickshire and Beyond.

September 8th 2005

Mr. Hugh Compton:

The Oxford Canal.

October 13th 2005

Dr. Michael Harrison:

Highlights of Recent Annual Conferences of the Association for Industrial Archaeology.

November 10th 2005

Mr. David de Haan:

Ironbridge.

December 8th 2005

Prof. Marilyn Palmer:

Technology in the English Country House and Estate.

2006

January 12th 2006

Mr. Roger Cragg:
Thomas Brassey.

February 9th 2006

Mr. Tim Booth:
Emscote Mill.

March 9th 2006

Mr. Jeromy Hassell:
White and Poppe.

April 13th 2006

Mr. George Demidowicz:
The Soho Foundry.

May 11th 2006

Mr. Martin Green:
Aspects of the Industrial Archaeology of New Zealand.

June 8th 2006

Mr. Mel Thompson:
Woven in Kidderminster.

July 13th 2006

AGM and Members' Evening to include:
Aspects of the Industrial Archaeology of North Warwickshire.

September 14th 2006

Mr. Brian Jones:
The Birmingham Pen Trade.

October 12th 2006

Mr. Mike Beech:
Foxton Locks and the Foxton Inclined Plane.

November 9th 2006

Mr. Anthony Coulls:
Locomotion: NMR at Shildon.

December 14th 2006

Members' Evening: Brunel.

2007

January 11th 2007

Mr. Ron Speddings:
The Rolls Royce Heritage Trust, Coventry.

February 8th 2007

Mr. Roger Cragg:
Thomas Telford.

March 8th 2007

Mr. Jeromy Hassell:
Joseph White:
Watchmaker.

April 12th 2007

Mr. Hugh Jones:
The Building
Stones of Warwickshire.

May 10th 2007

Mr. Derek Billings:
Aspects of the Industrial Archaeology of Cornwall.

June 14th 2007

Mr. Melvyn Thompson:
Woven in Kidderminster Part 2.

July 12th 2007

AGM and Members' Evening:
The IA of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

September 13th 2007

Mr. Ron Moss:
Chain-making in the Black Country.

October 11th 2007

Mr. Martin Bloxsom:
Stratford and Midland Junction Railway.

November 8th 2007

Mr. David Bright:
The Mill and Engine House at Warwick Castle.

December 13th 2007

Mr. John Frearson:
The Lime and Cement Industry of North Warwickshire.

2008

January 10th 2008

Anna Stocks:
Listing and Planning Issues for the Industrial Archaeologist.

February 14th 2008

Mr. Chris Holland:
Forgotten Hero: Joseph Elkington Agricultural Pioneer. 1739-1806.

March 13th 2008

Mr. Tony Green:
Mapmaking: Past Present and Future.

April 10th 2008

Mr. Michael Derby:
Coke Quakers and Charcoal.

May 8th 2008

Mr. Peter Leather:
Industrial Birmingham 1760-1840.

June 12th 2008

Mr. John Burton:
Nineteenth Century Industry in the Bedworth Area.

July 10th 2008

AGM and Chairman's Lecture.

September 11th 2008

Mr. Lawrence Ince:
Engine-Building at Boulton and Watt's Soho Works.

October 9th 2008

Mr. Michael Derby:
Coke Quakers and Charcoal.

November 13th 2008

Ms. Gillian Bardsley and Rev. Colin Corke:
Car-Making at Longbridge.

December 11th 2008

Mr Malcolm Hancock:
The History of Rugby Radio Station.

2009**January 8th 2009**

Members' Research Evening.

February 12th 2009

Mr Nicholas Billingham:
The early industrialisation of Stratford upon Avon.

March 12th 2009

Mr Brian Ellis:
Blinman: A nineteenth century South Australian copper mine and its environment.

April 9th 2009

Ms Joanne Gloger:
'There is more to a needle than meets the eye': Needle-making in Redditch and beyond.

May 14th 2009

Dr Jim Andrew:
The Smethwick Engine.

June 11th 2009

AGM followed by
The Chairman's Lecture.

September 10th 2009

David Close:
Chedham's Yard
Followed by AGM.

October 8th 2009

Steve Bagley and Damian Kimberley:
Three Cycling Pioneers of Coventry – James Starley, William Hillman and George Singer.

November 12th 2009

TBA

December 10th 2009

Roger Cragg:
Robert Stephenson.

2010

January 14th 2010

Dr Amelia Pannett:
Warwick Gas Works.

February 11th 2010

Richard Hartree:
The Aluminium Works at Banbury 1929-2009.

March 11th 2010

A joint meeting with the Leamington Society:
The works of William Louis de Normanville.

April 8th 2010

Dr Malcolm Dick:
Matthew Boulton (1728 – 1809) and the celebration of industrial technology.

May 13th 2010

Peter Coulls, Alain Foote and John Willock:
Willans Works.

June 10th 2010

A presentation by members:
Industrial Archaeology Abroad.

September 9th 2010

Annual General Meeting of the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society.
Followed by 'The Last Picture Show' a showing of 35mm slides by members to reflect the work of WIAS over the past 21 years.

October 14th 2010

Mike Glassson:
curator of the Walsall Leather Museum, and author of several books on the leather trade:
The Walsall Leather Industry.

November 11th 2010

Sarah Chubb, borough archivist for
Sandwell Community History and Archives Service:
Chance Brothers – glassmakers of Smethwick.

December 9th 2010

WIAS members who attended the AIA Conference in Cornwall:
'Aspects of the industrial heritage of Cornwall'.

2011**January 13th 2011**

TBA

February 10th 2011

Peter Cross-Rudkin:
The life and works of John Rennie (1761-1821).

March 10th 2011

Anthony Leahy and Martin Green:
Nelsons of Warwick – gelatine and a great deal more.

April 14th 2011

Tim Booth:
Warwickshire Mills, news of research and updates on the state of various mills in the county.

May 12th 2011

Members Evening:
a chance for several short contributions from members.

June 9th 2011

Damien Kimberley, of Coventry Transport Museum:
The Coventry motor-cycle industry.

September 8th 2011

AGM and Industrial Shorts
A programme of short presentations from members, each lasting no more than fifteen minutes.
Co-ordinated by Martin Green

October 13th 2011

Sally Hoban:
Curator The History of Birmingham Assay Office

November 10th 2011

Roger Bailey:
Coventry Transport.

December 8th 2011

Peter Lee:
Nuneaton and Bedworth Coal, Stone, Clay and Iron.

2012**January 12th 2012**

Christina Evans, Archaeological Project Manager. (Outreach) at Warwickshire County Council
Warwickshire Historic Environment Record and the Imaging Past and Present project..

February 9th 2012

John Bedington:
Charlecote Mill. Powered by two large undershot waterwheels from the River Avon, the mill
grinds wheat and maize between French burr millstones to make cornflour and wholemeal wheat
flour.

March 8th 2012

Graham Fisher MBE:
Jewels on The Cut.
(Stourbridge glass industry and the Stourbridge Canal).

April 12th 2012

Sam Collenette: Archive Service Manager
From Bolton to Warwick. Warwickshire County Record Office.

May 10th 2012

Derek Hurst:
Droitwich Salt Production: The technology.

June 14th 2012

Jeromy Hassell:
Coventry Machinists and Coventry Victor.

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