

Change to Programme

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Jeff Burgess is unable to deliver his talk on 'Leamington's Water Supply' in March 2015. As a result we have decided to switch the December and March meetings such that the revised programme would be:

Thursday December 11th. 2014	Jeff Burgess 'Leamington's Water Supply'
Thursday March 12th. 2015	Martin Green 'Nooks and Crannies of Warwickshire's Industrial Heritage'

Apologies for this change, but the content – if not the order – of the year's programme remains intact. If you know of others who attend our meetings but do not have e-mail please pass on this information. Martin Green, Chairman WIAS, *November 2014*

Proposed visit to J W Evans Silver Factory in Birmingham Please see the attached document from John Brace [here](#). *November 2014*

Index of Proceedings

The index has now been updated to include items in Newsletter 52. *Sept 2014*

Newsletter 52 September 2014

The latest newsletter is available on line now and in printed format at the Sept. meeting. *Sept 2014*

2014/2015 Season

The Chairman's 2014/2015 season welcome letter and the programme for the coming year have been added to the website. *August 2014*

Day Out

A suggestion for a day out for young or old. Hartlebury Castle and Museum, Worcestershire. It's in a lovely setting with a nature walk. Outside interests, Wheelwright's shop, Blacksmith's shop, Cider presses also a fine collection of Gypsy caravans and farm carts etc. Inside the castle there is much to see. The entry charges are modest and its a good place to spend several hours. Its better if weather is good, but a lot to see indoors if wet.

Peter Chater, *July 2014*

Rolls Royce Trip - July

We are delighted to announce that His Royal Highness, The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the Newcomen Society will be joining the group at Rolls Royce on the morning of Thursday 17th July and at the Bloodhound Supersonic Car project in the afternoon.

Apart from Rolls Royce and Bloodhound, this year's Summer Meeting comprises visits to a number of sites unique to this event and some not open to the public at all.

Non-Newcomen members are welcome and a few places are still available, find full details and book online here:

http://www.heritageofindustry.co.uk/Longer%20Tours/2014_Newcomen/NewcomenSum

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Hatton Bank c1940!

Just added, an interesting little memory from WIAS member, Peter Chater, about working up Hatton Bank near Warwick in the days of steam. Click [here](#). *May 2014*

Toby Cave - Update

The funeral will be at 2 pm on Tuesday the 27th next in Sherborne Abbey. If anyone is going will they please let William Cave know or I can pass on information. William would also appreciate any suggestion as to how or where a memorial gathering could be arranged in Leamington later in the summer.

Martin Green
Chairman, WIAS *May 2014*

Toby Cave

I regret to have to pass on the news that our President, Toby Cave, died peacefully in hospital at 11 am on Monday 12th May. The funeral will take place at Sherborne Abbey in 2-3 weeks time, and there will be a memorial event in Leamington later in the summer.

Martin Green
Chairman, WIAS *May 2014*

Index of Proceedings

The index has once again been updated by Arthur Astrop bringing it right up to date with Newsletter 51. Click [here](#) to view. *May 2014*

Newsletter 51

Now available on the on the Newsletter page of the web site. Paper copies at the May meeting. *May 2014*



Canadian Lancaster visits the UK this summer!

The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum is pleased to announce that they will be flying their prized Avro Lancaster to England this August for a month long visit. The Lancaster will join the only other airworthy Lancaster in the world, owned and operated by the Royal Air Force's renowned Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF), and participate in several events and activities while overseas.

The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum's Lancaster will depart from Hamilton, Ontario on August 4th and plan to arrive in England on August 8th. The North Atlantic crossing will include en-route stops at Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada, Narsarsuaq, Greenland, and Keflavik, Iceland, prior to arriving at the BBMF, RAF Coningsby. Shortly after arriving, the Lancaster will undergo a scheduled maintenance inspection and then the Canadian crews will complete a short training program with the BBMF in preparation to participate in several air displays and fly pasts with the BBMF Lancaster and fighters starting on August 14th.

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum President and CEO, Sqn Ldr (Ret.) David G. Rohrer C.D. who is a current Lancaster pilot, indicated that this year, "a rare window of opportunity was identified to bring the only two flying Lancasters in the world together as a special salute to all the veterans of Bomber Command, many of whom are in their late 80's or older now." It is also an opportunity for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum to fly together and showcase a flying display and tribute to all those who served in the time of need, in Canada, England, and the entire Commonwealth that likely will never be seen again. For more information [click](#) here. *April 2014*

Peter Chater's Page

Peter has just supplied a list of wharf locations on the Warwick & Napton canal in 1910. Click [here](#). *April 2014*

April WIAS Meeting

If you didn't get to the WAS meeting in April you missed a treat as parked outside the Pyne Room were early Austin saloons, vans and open top tourers. The owners, from the south of England, were meeting at the school and staying overnight. *April 2014*

350th Anniversary year of the birth of Thomas Newcomen

The Society's Summer Meeting, 14th - 18th July, now open for booking, will be exploring some of the M4 corridor, broadly from Swindon to Bristol and, together with traditional visits to historical sites of engineering interest, we will be including in the mix a significant number of modern production and research sites which we hope will generate interest for members and potential members of the society. Modern industrial sites are very difficult to get into these days but with the help of some special contacts we have managed to secure some exciting visits.

Read full details and book online here: <http://www.heritageofindustry.co.uk>
Non-members are welcome.

Kind regards,
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Society for Clay Pipe Research conference, Warwick
20th-21st September 2014

The 30th annual SCPR conference will be held this year at the Warwick Arms Hotel, Warwick, England. The Saturday programme of lectures will focus on the Warwickshire and Midlands clay tobacco pipe industries and will be complemented by displays. In the evening there will be the Conference Dinner (optional) at the venue. A guided tour of Warwick is to follow on the Sunday morning. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the meeting and an additional fee for those who wish to join the guided walk. Non-members of the Society will be very welcome to attend on either day but are asked to contact the conference organiser in advance to book a place.

Further information is available on the Society website (<http://scpr.co>) or from Susie White (SCPR@talktalk.net). Susie can also be contacted should you be interested in giving a twenty minute talk or bringing tobacco pipes or other pipe clay objects for display at the conference. *February 2014*

Magic Map

A website providing accurate digital mapping of the UK complete with map references plus much more. This is extremely useful for pinpointing locations you may wish to include in the WIAS database project.

Visit the site at <http://www.magic.gov.uk/home.htm>

The MAGIC partners are:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

English Heritage

Natural England

Environment Agency

Forestry Commission

Marine Management Organisation *February 2014*

Blue Plaques Group

The Blue Plaques Group, Leamington Spa recently arranged for the unveiling of three new plaques in the town.

Their locations are as follows:

John Hitchman, Boots, Warwick Street, Royal Leamington Spa,

Sir Frank Whittle, 9 Victoria Street, Royal Leamington Spa,

John Wisden, The Cricketers, Archery Road, Royal Leamington Spa.

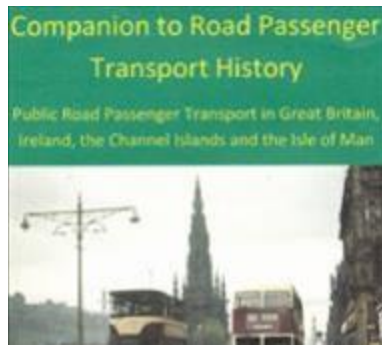


Photos - click [here](#) to see some photos of the unveiling event. *February 2014*

The Companion to Road Passenger Transport History

Spans almost two centuries of the development of British road passenger transport, from horses and the first mechanically powered trams and buses to hybrids and hydrogen buses; and from stage coaches to motorway express services. Through a range of articles it explores every aspect of the industry's history, and will be an essential reference work for anyone with an interest in road passenger transport. It is the second encyclopaedic work of reference prepared by the Roads and Road Transport History Association and follows the Companion to British Road Haulage History, published in 2003.

For more information and details of how to order click [here](#) or speak to Richard Storey at the February WIAS meeting who will have a copy with him. *February 2014*



Newsletter No. 50

Now available on line and in traditional paper format at the Feb meeting. *February 2014*

Richard Hartree

Richard has generously offered to make a collection of journals available to WIAS members. First come first served, click [here](#) to see the list of stock! *January 2014*

70013 Oliver Cromwell

Saturday 2nd November 2013 saw a rare sight on the West Coast main line. 70013 Oliver Cromwell passed through Coventry station hauling a charter special south from the Severn Valley Railway in Shropshire to the Bluebell Railway in Sussex, possibly a first on this route! The Bluebell has been re-connected to the national network at East Grinstead enabling the train to terminate at Sheffield Park. The return journey, via Coventry, was at approximately 2015 hrs the same day. To see photos at Coventry click [here](#). *November 2013*

45th Industrial Archaeology Conference - South Wales & West of England

This conference, hosted by the Worcestershire I.A. and Local History Society will take place on Saturday April 12th 2014 at Baxter College, Habberley Road, Kidderminster, DY11 5PQ. Full details of the programme and visits together with an application form are available now by clicking [here](#). *November 2013*

November Meeting

The meeting venue for the November 14th meeting, Barrie Trinder, 'Pontcysyllte: its place in history', has been changed to The Halse Sports Pavilion as the Pyne Room is in use for another event. The Halse Sports Pavilion is on the left as you walk from the main car park and clearly visible. *Oct 2013*

Programme Change

Unfortunately, I have had to make a change to our published programme. Peter Grenfell will not be ready to deliver his talk on the Ford Foundry in December, principally because he will be in the midst of moving house. He will give the talk in October 2014. The good news is that Alain Foote has stepped into the breach with 'The History of British Thomson-Houston, Rugby'. I am extremely grateful to Alain for offering to do this. Martin Green, Chairman. *Oct 2013*

Newsletter 49

The October Newsletter is now available on line and is a particularly colourful edition! *Oct 2013*

Index of Proceedings

The latest updated version of the WIAS Index of Proceedings, compiled by Arthur Astropp, is now available on line. *Oct 2013*

Important Petition click [here](#) to sign the petition to keep the NRM. *June 2013*

Webster's Brick Works

A few photos taken by Martin Green on a visit to the former Webster's Brickworks at Foleshill have been added. Click [here](#) to see them. *June 2013*

Announcements at the May WIAS meeting, more information is now available.

The launch of Barrie Trinder's 'Britain's Industrial Revolution' 21st. May 2013 7 pm at the University of Birmingham. Click [here](#).

Details of Gloucester Tall Ships Festival 24th. May - 27th. May 2013. (thanks to Keith West for bringing this to my attention). Click [here](#).

Saturday 15th. June 2013 'Made in the Jewellery Quarter' day conference. This is the second conference held by the Birmingham Assay Office and the Centre for West Midlands History, University of Birmingham. An excellent array of speakers has been organised, including Sally Hoban, Malcolm Dick, Simon Buteux and John Berkeley all of whom have spoken to WIAS. Further details available soon.

Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS *May 2013*

Peter Chater

I have had an interest in Industrial Archaeology for more than fifty years and have been a member of Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society since it was formed. Over the course of time I have researched a number of subjects and thought I would like to share them with others. I have endeavoured to name the source from where I obtained the information, but in a few instances I regret that I have no record. - To view Peter's articles click [here](#) or follow the link on the Features Page. *May 2013*

Vulcan to the Sky Trust

The trust have confirmed that 2013 will be the last year that Vulcan XH558 will fly. For the full story of why it has to cease flying and a list of locations where you can see it in 2013 visit the website by clicking [here](#). *May 2013*



Stop Press.....

It now looks as if the Vulcan will be flying until 2015 if funding is available. Visit the Vulcan website for the full details on this constantly changing story!



Fenny Compton Brick Kiln

James Clifton of the Canal and River Trust has submitted the first stage of an application for financial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Fenny Compton project. WIAS has sent a letter of support, emphasising the importance of the small, local kiln in meeting specific building needs, as well as the significance of the particular intermittent draught design of the Fenny Compton kiln. Eagle-eyed Roger Cragg also spotted a piece in the current issue of *Waterways World* (April 2013, p.88) regarding the Fenny Compton Brick Kiln. In brief the writer (Carole McGovern) is seeking information about some manuals about the running of the brick kilns. She states that they were on a stall of the Banbury Branch of the I.W.A. about 24 years ago. She wants to know if anyone knows of their whereabouts – a long shot, perhaps, but you never know!

Martin Green, WIAS Chairman. *May 2013*

Index of WIAS Proceedings by Arthur Astrop

Updated version added to the site. Follow the link on the Features page. *May 2013*

Britain from Above

Have you been to this excellent web site. Visit [now](#).

Thanks to Roger Cleal. *April 2013*

City Safari to Belgium

I am pleased to announce that booking for the City Safari to Ostend and the Belgian Coast is now open. Most of us only ever get a brief glance as drive off the ferry heading for somewhere else in Europe but there is a lot to see there if you can pause for a short time. Hoping to see you on the other side of the Channel,

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Warwick Rd Goods Yard - Coventry

Some photos of a small corner of the former goods yard, now the Centre Six Retail Park have been added on a new [page](#). *April 2013*

Index of Proceedings by Arthur Astrop

As the years have rolled by, the amount of material contained firstly in Retort! and subsequently in the Newsletter, has quietly built-up. However, some of it is now so far away in time that, if one wants to refer to it, it is difficult to make a guess even what year it can be found, let alone what month! Consequently an index of the principal proceedings of WIAS as contained in the 10 quarterly issues of Retort! and the 47 issues of the Newsletter has now been compiled. A limited amount of 'double-entry' cross-referencing has also been included, where an entry is thought to require one. The index will be updated regularly in line with the WIAS Newsletter so should be not more than 3 months out of date at any time.

The society is indebted to Arthur for the considerable amount of time effort that it has taken to compile this excellent facility. Click [here](#) to visit the new page and view the index. *March 2013*

Heritage of Industry Tour - Advertisement

Just a quick note to say that there is still just time to book on the first of our new series of unique tours looking at Country House Comfort & Convenience. I think you'll be missing a treat if you don't take the opportunity to join Professor Marilyn Palmer and Dr Ian West who have been studying Country House Technology to find out just how the Big Houses really worked as they adopted the latest innovations.

Working with the Collections Managers, we have secured access to the properties early in the day before the houses are open to the public so that we will have the place to ourselves and we may see some areas not normally open to the public. And we shall make sure there is time to explore the gardens which should be in marvellous bloom at this time of year. Coach transport and very comfortable 4-star accommodation is included so don't delay. Click [here](#) to get full details and book on-line right now. Heritage of Industry Tours. *March 2013*

Rob Foxon Films 2013

Full programme of railway and new aviation films available [here](#). *February 2013*

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February 2013 newsletter now available, click [here](#) to view. *February 2013*

Diesel Power On British Railways - ROB FOXON - Don't miss this one!

7.30pm Wednesday 20th February at The Benn Hall, Newbold Road, RUGBY.

The post-war dieselisation programme, a key feature of the 1955 Modernisation Plan for British Railways, was the result of many years of experimental design by the Railway Industry. The landmark development was the construction of main line diesel electric locomotive 10000 in 1947, a result of the close working association between the LMS Railway and the English Electric Company. This carefully researched new programme of rare archive films looks at the fascinating pre-1960 story of Diesel Power on British Railways including the prototypes, pre-war streamlined high speed railcars, production locomotives and some interesting might have been's!

Rare footage of the short lived LMS Ro-Railer service between Blisworth Junction and the Welcombe Hotel at Stratford Upon Avon in 1931. The service lasted for just six weeks!

Trials of the Armstrong Siddeley Coventry Pneumatic Railcar on the West Coast Main Line in 1935!

Main Line Diesel Genuine LMS Railway promotional film showing the design and development of No 10000, Britain's first main line diesel electric locomotive in 1947 (inc scenes at the Wilan's Works in Rugby)!

Rare footage of the Fell Diesel Mechanical main line locomotive in action on the Midland Main Line in 1950!

Construction and trials of the revolutionary 'Blue Pullman' diesel trains at the works of Metropolitan Cammel in Birmingham in 1960!

Tractive Effort Railway industry promotional film of the hugely successful Brush Type 2 (Class 31) in mass Production in 1961. Some examples are still in use on the national network!

Rare footage of Brush Experimental Locomotives, Diesel Hydraulics' on the Western region & the mass introduction of diesel power in the sixties!

Introduction to Inter-City 125; a second generation of Diesel power on British Railways!

Supporting Salestands & Licensed Bar
Tickets: £6.50 (£6.00 in advance) - Child £4.00

CLICK [HERE](#) TO DOWNLOAD THE ADVANCE BOOKING FORM AND FULL DETAILS.
February 2013

Details of events run for adults by Heritage and Culture Warwickshire

We hope they are of interest. You will see everything from day projects to family history workshops, and March sees two more of our special events to celebrate the return of the Sheldon Tapestry Map to the Market Hall Museum in Warwick.

Unless otherwise stated, all events take place at Warwickshire County Record Office, Priory Park, Off Cape Road, Warwick CV34 4JS and must be booked in advance by calling 01926 738959

You can also find additional information about our day event, Town and Country in Medieval Warwickshire, in the attached [flyer](#).

Ancestry.co.uk

Saturday 2nd March 9.15 am to 12.15 pm

The 'Ancestry' website is a vital tool for family historians. This hands-on course by family historian Jennifer Cranfield provides an in-depth look at the ancestry.co.uk website.
Cost: £12

Friends of Warwickshire County Record Office AGM

Saturday 2nd March 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Friends of Warwickshire Record office invite you to come along to hear about our society and hear from our guest speaker Richard Cann who will talk to us about the stained glass of Gloucester Cathedral. Cost: £3 (non members) No need to book just pay at the door.

Maps and plans for local history

Tuesday 5th March 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Look at the many types of maps and plans which can be used for house and local history and discover what can be learned from them. We will then look at where plans of individual houses may be found. Cost: £12

The Puzzles of the Warwickshire Sheldon tapestry map

Saturday 9th March 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

What is the story behind the Sheldon Tapestry map? How was it made? Who made it? What does it show and why? Find out about the people, places and puzzles in the map at this illustrated talk with Hilary Turner, freelance researcher and author, and view

some of the documents that survive at the County Record Office to complement some of Hilary's findings. Cost: £6.00, concessions £5.00.

Beyond Belgium: What's Been Happening to the Sheldon Tapestry?

Monday 18th March 11 am to 12.30 pm

The Sheldon Tapestry Map of Warwickshire has been on a journey, and so have we! Join Maggie Wood, Keeper of Social History, to discover where it's been, what's happened to it, and what we've learnt about it in the process.

Venue: Market Hall Museum, Market Place Warwick CV34 4SA

Please book in advance by calling 01926 412069. Cost: £6.00, concessions £5.00.

Town and Country in Medieval Warwickshire

Monday 11th March 10.00 am to 4.15 pm

This day school will focus on the relationship between town and country in medieval Warwickshire through a combination of overviews and case studies, using the evidence of archaeology, documentary sources and standing buildings. Jointly presented by Dr John Hunt and David Freke.

Cost: £15, please bring your own lunch.

Criminal Records

Saturday 16th March 9.15 am to 12.15 pm

How can you find out more about criminal activity in your locality? This class will investigate the available records and what they tell us. Cost: £12

Archives Online

Thursday 21st March 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Find out how you can use 'Warwickshire's Past Unlocked', the County Record Office's own online catalogue. Cost: FREE

Lost Ancestors

Saturday 23rd March 9.15 am to 12.15 pm

Have you reached a brick wall in your family history research? This workshop will give you fresh ideas to assist you in tracking down that elusive ancestor.

Cost: £12

Rowan Fisher

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Tansy

Those of you who enjoyed my film clips on Sheepwashing might be interested in an old Silent Film called 'Tansy'. This is available for viewing at the Southbank Home of the British Film Institute (bfi). View, without cost or appointment, in their MEDIATHEQUES. Tansy, a love story from 1921, includes a scene shot at a real working sheepwash. It runs for just over an hour but if short of time view only a five minute clip from 40 minutes in. *John Brace, January 2013.*

History West Midlands

You may like to hear about an exciting new magazine *History West Midlands*. It covers the history of the six old counties of Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. I am attaching a flyer and copy of the 'dummy' edition. The real thing will be much longer. I am writing to ask if you would like to be registered for a free copy of the first issue, which will feature the eighteenth century enlightenment in the Midlands. You can register on line at www.historywm.com or send your name and address to me by email. I would also appreciate it if you can pass on the information to any of your colleagues who may be interested. I would be glad to send you flyers for you to distribute.

Click [here](#) to see the flyer and [here](#) to see the sample magazine.

Dr Sue Tungate
Assistant Editor
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People of Ideas, Innovation and Enterprise www.historywm.com *January 2013.*

Heritage of Industry is pleased to be able to announce its programme for 2013

We particularly hope you will be interested in a new series of tours starting this year: Country House Comfort & Convenience when Professor Marilyn Palmer and Dr Ian West will guide us through some of our great stately homes with an eye on the technology still to be found there and help us to understand the impact it had on the lives of the owners and the staff.

For those who like a little urban rambling we are offering two of our City Safaris: The Five Towns in April and Ostend in September and, later in April you might like to join us for a weekend in Cornwall with the Newcomen Society.

Our longer tours this year will see us in the Ruhr, that great powerhouse of German Iron and Steel, in May and Manchester, the first industrial city, in July. I look forward to greeting you on one of our trips!

[Click here to visit the web site for full tour details.](#)

Bill Barksfield
Managing Director
December 2012.

2012

November Newsletter No. 46 Now available on line and in printed form at the November meeting. As you will notice, this Newsletter - in response to member requests - has an additional four pages containing photographs and text provided by members. We hope that this will become a regular feature and the editor Mike Hurn is very happy to receive contributions, either handed over at a meeting or sent via e-mail mikedhurn@btinternet.com. This project obviously relies on the volume of contributions from members, so please send in material particularly relating to Warwickshire that you feel would be of interest to the industrial archaeologist. *November 2012.*

Fenny Compton. The BBC News website featured an interesting article about the water supply to the village recently. If you missed it click [here](#) to view it now. Thanks to Mark Abbott for the information. *October 2012.*

Notice of a meeting of the Kenilworth Society on Wednesday 21st. November given by our own member Roger Cragg. Relative newcomers to WIAS may not have heard this talk, and others may welcome a reminder of the area's civil engineering heritage. The talk is strongly recommended. Click [here](#) for full details. Martin Green, *October 2012.*

Sir John Egan - Jaguar the Re-making of a World Brand

Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm, The Conference Centre, St. Peter's Church, Dormer Place, L'Spa. £5 to include a glass of wine. Arranged by the Leamington Society, all welcome. Click [here](#) for more details. *September 2012.*

Chairmans Start of Season Letter

The Chairmans letter and a pdf version of the 2012/13 programme are now available. Click [here](#). *August 2012.*

Jaguar Heritage Trust, Browns Lane, Coventry

This interesting heritage centre located alongside the site of the former Jaguar plant closed its doors for the last time on Friday 24th August 2012. Click [here](#) for more details and photos. *August 2012.*

The Churches Conservation Trust

WIAS members might be interested to hear that there are still places on the Churches Conservation Trusts free drystone walling course on the weekend of Sat 14th & 15th July. This free weekend course will teach the traditional craft of drystone walling directly from an experienced waller and help to restore the churchyard wall of picturesque All Saint's church, in the deserted medieval village of Billesley, near Stratford.

More information is available at

<http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/AboutCCTourwork/Conservinghistoricchurches/Training>

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Can you recall who spoke at past WIAS meetings?

Have a look back at the meeting subjects since 1993. Click [here](#).
June 2012.

Newsletter 45. The June edition of the newsletter is available via the website, paper copies will be available at the June 14th meeting. *June 2012.*

Ice Houses

Some additional information has been added to the [Ice House](#) page. *June 2012.*

**Past Lives with Cipher, Warwick Arts Centre,
Wed 27 Jun 6.30pm, Cinema £9 (£7) (+ booking fee).**

Capturing moving images is now commonplace with mobiles and pocket cameras, but before the digital age it wasn't so easy. Small format movie cameras were the liberating technology of the mid 20th century, giving ordinary people the chance to capture everyday events. Cipher (Theo Travis and Dave Sturt) have collaborated with visual artist Anthony Hatton to produce a thought-provoking and engaging cinematic and live music experience using previously unseen archive footage from the Media Archive of Central England, including local images of the Midlands from the 1930s to 1970s. *May 2012.*

Saving a Century

A photographic exhibition
celebrating the work of the
Victorian Society

2nd to 31st May 2012

The Old Library (home of Bath
Place Community Venture)
York Road, Leamington Spa,
CV31 3PR
www.bathplace.org
or 01926 338421

Monday – Friday 9.00 - 4.00
 Saturday 2.00 - 5.00
 Sunday 12.00 - 5.00
 Café open, except Saturday
 Admission Free!



SAVING A CENTURY EXHIBITION CONTENTS

VICTORIAN BUILDINGS LOST BEFORE 1958 – A photographic survey of some of the best Victorian buildings destroyed in the first half of the twentieth century, among them Crystal Palace (burnt down 30th November 1936), Trentham Hall, Staffordshire (abandoned by the 4th Duke of Sutherland in 1906 and demolished five years later) and Queen's Park Church, Glasgow (Scotland's worst architectural loss of the Second World War).

THE FOUNDATION OF THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY – Photographs and material from the opening meetings of the Society. Early members included architect Hugh Casson, architectural historian Christopher Hussey, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner and Sir John Betjeman.

THE EUSTON MURDER AND OTHER CASES – Photographs and text documenting the bitter battle for the Euston Arch, as well some of the Victorian Society's other early defeats. There were early victories too, among them the Oxford University Museum, proposed for demolition in 1961 to make way for new science buildings. The Victorian Society also succeeded in getting the Broad Street Building of Balliol College listed, after it was threatened with a re-build in 1963.

VICTORY IN WHITEHALL – Photographs charting the heroic, ten-year campaign against plans to demolish much of the historic square mile, including nearly every building south of Downing Street and Richmond Terrace. Sir George Gilbert Scott's Foreign Office, Richard Norman Shaw's New Scotland Yard and Middlesex Guildhall in Parliament Square were among the buildings proposed for demolition.

PLACES OF WORSHIP – A photographic survey of some of the historic churches, chapels and synagogues with which the Victorian Society has been involved. As churches are exempt from the secular planning system, it can be particularly difficult to guard them against insensitive change. With falling attendance figures and a growing number of redundant places of worship, the future of our best churches is one of the biggest challenges facing heritage campaigners today.

RAILWAY BUILDINGS – Photographs of some of the key buildings the Victorian Society fought for, as the closure of many branch and other railway lines resulted in the redundancy of numerous stations, bridges and viaducts. That many pioneering and magnificent railway structures, such as St Pancras Station, survive today, often still in use, is very much owing to the efforts of the Society.

IRON, GLASS & STONE – Photographs of some of the most innovative nineteenth century buildings, among them Clevedon Pier, Islington's Royal Agricultural Hall and Bradford's Kirkgate Market, for which the Victorian Society has fought.

THE FUNCTIONAL TRADITION – Photographs of some of the most impressive industrial buildings for which the Society has fought. With the decline of the traditional industries of the North of England after the Second World War, many mills and warehouses became redundant while many Northern towns and cities became ashamed of their Victorian industrial legacy and anxious to replace it with something new. The Victorian Society, along with bodies such as SAVE Britain's Heritage, argued that nineteenth century industrial buildings were evocative and substantial structures which were not only of historical importance but capable of gainful re-use.

THE PURPLE OF COMMERCE – Photographs of some of the most significant Victorian commercial buildings to have come under threat in the last fifty years. Built partly as self-advertisements and partly to inspire confidence, these ambitious and substantial banks, offices and warehouses too often fall victim to redevelopment schemes.

COUNTRY HOUSES – Photographs of some of the grandest country houses to have been the subject of Victorian Society campaigns, among them Shadwell Park, Tyntesfield and Highcliff Castle. Rendered redundant by social and cultural changes, some of the most famous large houses were demolished between the wars while many more disappeared in the 1950s.

DOMESTIC ARCHITECTURE – A collection of photographs of some of the Victorian villas and terraced houses for which the Victorian Society has fought. Often extravagant and fanciful buildings, these buildings are regularly demolished to allow higher density developments in their grounds or make way for flats.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS – A photographic survey of some of the best municipal buildings that have been saved or lost. Physical embodiments of the Victorians' strong sense of civic pride and duty, many of these splendid town halls, libraries, swimming pools, museums, art galleries and post offices still add much to the rich character of British towns and cities today.

BEACONS OF THE FUTURE – A survey of some of the Society's most recent campaigns, focusing on the battle for Victorian schools and swimming pools. Among the battles highlighted are the protest and funeral for Bonner School, the Public Inquiry for Easington Colliery School and the local campaign for the Moseley Road Baths in Birmingham.

THE VICTORIANS VICTORIOUS – Photographs of some of the most notable Victorian buildings used and valued today.

For more information please contact Steve Roman on 0161 434 2908 or email steve.roman@phonecoop.coop

April 2012.

Network Rail Virtual Archive

The original architectural drawings of the Forth Bridge, Paddington station and other great railway structures have been published for the first time on a new Network Rail virtual archive. Some of the drawings carry I K Brunel's signature. The archive holds records from most of the major engineers including Brunel, Stephenson, Locke and Barlow. There are over 5 million records which obviously can't all be displayed on line at once but the plan is to keep adding documents and images. This is going to be a wonderful resource for enthusiasts, historians and researchers. The oldest records in the archives are from the deeds collection. The collection charts the history of all the land the railway is built on. A set of deeds from 1684 relating to the land Charing Cross is now built on, bears the signature of Sir Christopher Wren. Land he once owned was sold to the railway in the nineteenth century. www.networkrail.co.uk/virtualarchive
March 2012.

Ghostsigns Project

This cross-border view, taken by Richard Storey at Market Harborough recently, is included to draw members' attention to the ghostsigns project of the History of Advertising Trust. This has received some coverage in the national press and was written up in detail by the project leader Sam Roberts in an illustrated article in *The Ephemerist*, issue 148 (Spring 2010). Paradoxically the destruction of an unmarked building may (for a short time only) reveal a painted sign in its neighbour, which can then at least be recorded, if not preserved. WIAS members may be able to add to the project by recording in our area. Information can be found at www.ghostsigns.co.uk and the archive of images created will be available via the Trust website at www.hatads.org.uk March 2012.



Notes from Toby Cave

WIAS President, Toby Cave, continues to pursue his interest in Industrial Archaeology from his new home in Sherborne, Dorset. From time to time Toby provides valuable information on Warwickshire and other areas of the UK. A new page has been created to pass on this information. There is a link in the 'Features' list or go direct by clicking [here](#).
March 2012.

Coventry Workshops Project by Chris Capewell. Back in 1972/1973 Chris Capewell, (who provided much of the information about Emscote Power Station), completed a paper on Coventry Workshops as part of his diploma year at the School of Environmental Studies, University College, London. Contained in the project is a wealth of information on industrial Coventry, much of which has now vanished. Topics covered include; Coventry, land problems and development in the Nineteenth Century, Weaving, Watchmaking, the Hillfields area, Cash's at Kingfield Rd, Green's in Hillfields, the Chapelfields area and Homes and Workplaces. There is plenty to interest the Industrial Archaeologist including photographs, some taken by Chris at the time. We are extremely grateful to him for making this item available, please do make use of it. The document is presently in PDF format which is easy to read and print and retains the original appearance. In due course the photos will also be viewable in a separate gallery. To view the document click [here](#) and allow a few moments for the file to download or use the link on the Features page of the site. March 2012.

March meeting of the Kenilworth Society. Members of WIAS will be very welcome when the well known local historian Robin Leach will be the speaker on "Kenilworth's Railways". The meeting will take place on 29th March at Kenilworth Methodist Church,

Priory Road, Kenilworth, and will start at 7.30 pm. The admission fee to members of the public is £1.00. Robin Leach is the author of, among other works, "Kenilworth's Railway Age" and "Kenilworth's Engineering Age". He will be selling a selection of his publications at a discount at the meeting. *March 2012.*

Newsletter No. 44. The March 2012 newsletter is now viewable on the website. Paper copies will be available at the March meeting. *March 2012.*

Alvis Announce Continuation Series of its Greatest Pre-War Model.

Alvis, one of Britain's most innovative car manufacturers, is resuming production of the famous Alvis 4.3 Litre model, 72 years after the last 4.3 Litre car was produced. This Alvis model was the fastest non-supercharged production car of its day, and the all-British "Continuation Series" will live up to that heritage. Manufactured from the original works drawings, the car will be powered by the Alvis 4.3 Litre six cylinder engine faithfully produced to the 1936 design and retaining all its period character and quality, but utilising modern technology for emission compliance as well as delivering even more power. The Alvis Car Company Limited will produce the 4.3 Litre car in newly completed facilities at its Kenilworth site in collaboration with its sister company Red Triangle. For the last 40 years Red Triangle has been providing parts and restoration services to Alvis owners and has also been the custodian of the original designs, plans and the complete historic records of all the Alvis cars produced. There is evidence from the 1938 Alvis Board Minutes that 77 of the 4.3 Litre chassis that were officially sanctioned for production were never completed because car manufacturing had to be suspended in 1940. As a result the new 4.3 Litre "Continuation Series" will be limited to the production of these remaining 77 chassis, thereby fulfilling the original intention of the Alvis Board. For full details and photographs visit the Alvis Car Company and Red Triangle website by clicking [here](#). *February 2012.*



Chedhams Yard, Wellesbourne. Following the award of a £1m grant the yard plans to re-open in Spring 2012 after extensive work is completed. Volunteers needed. For full information click here to visit the [Chedhams Yard](#) web site. *February 2012.*

February WIAS Meeting. An excellent presentation by John Bedington of Charlecote Mill after which the meeting was curtailed due to falling snow to enable everyone to get home. Thanks to everyone who turned out on such a cold evening. *February 2012.*

Railways Remembered, Bygone Britain, Age Of Aviation. A new 2012 programme of archive film introduced by Rob Foxon is now available. Rob will be at the Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby on Wed 15th February at 7.30pm and again on Wed 17th October at 7.30pm. The programme for these dates will be a new one! For full details click [here](#). *February 2012.*

Gateway to Warwickshire's History Survey. Warwickshire County Council's Heritage and Cultural Services are working in partnership with Warwickshire Local History Society to develop a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to make a lasting and positive difference to Warwickshire's heritage and people. The aim of the bid is to encourage greater enjoyment and use of our heritage by developing a local history gateway. The gateway will be developed both virtually as an interactive website and physically at Market Hall Museum. Please see www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localhistorygateway for more details. If possible please complete this survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8K2QG67>. You can also download full details and the survey form on paper [here](#). *January 2012.*

Heritage of Industry Ltd. We are planning a trip to join the SIA at their Conference in Cincinnati at the end of May and another in September to The Ruhr and I attach our flyer and information sheets about the trips. You will notice from the flyer that Heritage of Industry also runs the popular City Safari walking tours which might be of interest to your members. Click [here](#) for full details.

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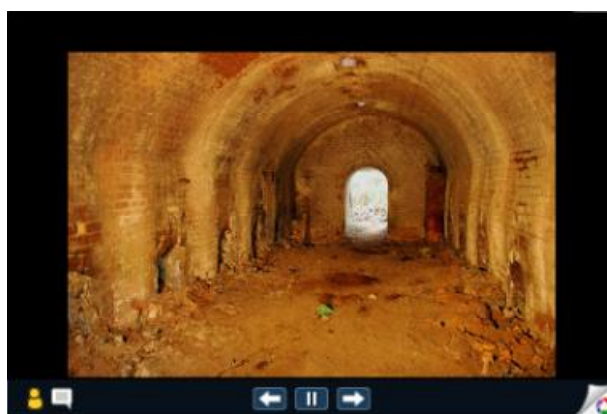
The Leamington Omnibus. The winter newsletter is available to read online thanks to the Leamington History Group. This edition contains some fascinating articles. Click [here](#) to read. *December 2011.*

Newsletter No. 43. The December newsletter is now available to access on line. *December 2011.*

National Gas Museum Leicester. This most interesting museum is housed in the original gate-house of a mid Victorian gas works in Ayleston Road, Leicester. Opening times are 12.00 until 16.30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only. Free admission. It is served by a 37 bus from City Centre. Car parking also available. I recently spent two to three hours there with friend Derek Billings and we were quite fascinated with what we saw, with all the artefacts that had been assembled with good write ups and well displayed, videos to see and recorded voices to hear. The curator in attendance was most knowledgeable. I feel I could safely recommend a visit there by any of our members. [Visit the website.](#) Peter Chater. *November 2011.*



Fenny Compton Brick Kiln. Martin Green showed a short slide show at the end of the November meeting with some excellent photos and information about the restoration work taking place at Fenny Compton Brick Kiln. In due course there will be a feature on the web site about the project but in the meantime you can view Martin's photos again here. Click on any photo for larger images. *November 2011.*



Sidney Flavel

WIAS members are invited to the unveiling of the blue plaque to commemorate Sidney Flavel at 2.30pm at Newbold Terrace, Royal Leamington Spa, (at the junction with Willes Road), Wednesday, the 16th November, 2011 followed by refreshments in Royal Leamington Spa Town Hall. An RSVP is required if you plan to attend. Please inform the Clerk to the Town Council, Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 4AT Tel: 01926 450906 or email: rnash@towncouncil.spacomputers.com Click [here](#) to see the invitation. *November 2011.*



Vulcan to the Sky. Many people will be familiar with the only flying Vulcan, XH558. To see the aircraft through winter to 2012 and the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, £400,000 is urgently needed. Anyone can help by having their name entered into a special book to be flown on the aircraft and later presented to Her Majesty. Visit the [Vulcan](#) page, newly added to the site, and download the form and full details. A few photos of XH558 on a recent visit to Baginton have also been included. *October 2011.*

Where's the Path? A simply brilliant website discovered by Mark Abbott. Using a 50/50 split screen it allows direct comparison between Google satellite view and the relevant OS map, principally as a means of tracing a footpath on the ground but much more is discoverable - I tested it on the Edge Hill incline for example. Give it a try and discover how easy it is to use. Click [here](#) to visit the site. *October 2011.*

ALIVE Studios. Based in Nottinghamshire this company is a professional studio that will convert virtually any old format such as cine, vhs video, 35mm slides, prints etc to high quality digital format including HD and Blu-ray if required. The price for 35mm slide conversion has just been reduced by 35% to 65p a slide. Many members have old films and slides which would make excellent conversion projects. The quality of the finished product is superb as a result of the high tech scanning methods employed and they have many testimonials from well known organisations. Follow this [link](#) for full details on their excellent web site. *October 2011.*



Aston Manor Transport Museum.

This fantastic museum housed in a former tram depot, complete with original rails, in Aston Birmingham is under serious threat of closure. The open day on October 16th may be the last ever so do not miss it! They will be running 5 classic bus services, including the 3x to City on the regular half-hourly basis throughout the day. In addition services will run over Barr Beacon, also to Sutton Coldfield, Yardley on the 11 and the shorter Erdington circular. Many additional buses have been promised, some will run primarily on the services, others acting as duplicates and there will be others just on display. This promises to be an event to remember and at the moment the museum cannot guarantee when the next event under the Aston Manor banner will take place. The museum collection includes restored [Coventry City Transport Double Decker Daimler No. 334](#). There are numerous other vehicles including those from Birmingham City and Midland Red plus many more, and not just buses! Click [here](#) to visit the website for full details and watch the TV item below. *October 2011.*



Meeting Refreshments.

I am delighted to report that Mrs. Jan Coulls has volunteered to co-ordinate refreshments for the society's meetings, but she will need a regular supply of helpers, so I will be asking for a list of volunteers upon whom she will be able call on an occasional basis. I am extremely grateful to Jan for agreeing to do this.
Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS. *October 2011.*

Full Circle Project: screen heritage event Friday 2nd December, 1pm Admission Free.

Do you have any film, video or dusty old reels tucked away in your attic or garage? Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum will be co-hosting a screen heritage event with the Media Archive for Central England (MACE) on Friday 2nd December at 1pm. This event has been organised to raise awareness of the importance of preserving home videos and films for future generations. The early film of Radford Semele, that was not

shown at the recent University of Warwick screening, will be shown at this event. Click [here](#) to read the full programme for the event. *October 2011.*

HS2 Talk by Adrian Shooter, CEO of Chiltern Railways.

A reminder that this talk will take place on Thursday October 27th in Dormer Place conference centre, starting at 6:30. Admission £5 to include a drink – proceeds in aid of Friends of Leamington Station. Tickets from Marianne Pitts at 4 Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1BB with sae please – or on the door. He is an excellent speaker with a lot to say. *October 2011.*

Kenilworth Greenway. An updated [page](#) now the route has been extended and the new bridge installed across Coventry Rd at Crackley Hill, Kenilworth. New photos of Phase 2 and the new bridge have been added to the slide show together with some old signalling relics discovered along the route. Phase 2 takes you to the site of Kenilworth Junction Signal Box and close to the Coventry - Leamington main line. Well worth a visit for a very enjoyable stroll away from the traffic. *October 2011.*

Railways Remembered Archive Film Show. Rob Foxon is back at the The Benn Hall Rugby at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th October with a great programme of archive film featuring Flying Scotsman and the East Coast main line. Other films include the Great Northern Railway, Institute of Locomotive Engineers, The Streamliners, the Stirling 8ft Single, Elizabethan Express and rare footage of Doncaster. To see the full programme and purchase discounted tickets in advance click [here](#). Supporting sales stand and licensed bar. *October 2011.*

Leamington Omnibus - Autumn 2011. This edition of the Leamington History Group newsletter contains a number of interesting articles, one involving our President, Toby Cave and a fox!. There is also a good history of the former R.A.F. Gaydon and its days as a V bomber base. Click [here](#) to read or download and save. *October 2011.*

Swords and Crosses. Unravelling the Staffordshire Hoard.

By Dr. Kevin Leahy, Sunday 13th November 2.30pm, Lighthorne Village Hall.

Dr Kevin Leahy, Staffordshire Hoard Conservator and National Finds Advisor has agreed to give a Powerpoint presentation to the Lighthorne History Society about the finding and excavation of the Staffordshire Hoard and the listing and conservation of the artefacts. The hoard is the largest collection of Anglo Saxon gold ever been found. Dr Leahy is an authority on early medieval metalwork and Saxon crafts and National Finds Advisor for the Portable Antiquities Scheme. A limited number of tickets are available at £8, to include tea and cake, from Josette Tait (tel: 01926 651205) email taitsmithy@btinternet.com *October 2011.*

Council for British Archaeology (West Midlands) Dayschool.

We would like to invite you and your group/society to the Council for British Archaeology (West Midlands) Dayschool on Saturday 22nd October in Worcester.

This event is entitled: 'Recording Your Past, Enriching Your Future' and is designed to help local groups and volunteers make the most of exploring their past.

Please see the attached letter and flyer for programme details and booking information. Click [here](#) for full details. *September 2011.*

AGM 2011. The agenda for the 2011 AGM is available by clicking [here](#). *August 2011.*

The Chairman's Letter 2011. Although sent by post to members is also available [here](#) together with the new programme of speakers. The latest Newsletter No. 42 is also available on the web site. *August 2011.*

Farewell to Toby Cave!

Members will know that Toby has decided to move down to Sherborne after living in the same house in Portland Street for over fifty years. Nearly sixty of Toby's friends from organisations with which he had had close associations gathered at The Episode Hotel in Holly Walk in July to bid him farewell. Ruth Bennion of CLARA had organised a celebratory tea party at which Martin Green and Alan Mayes spoke eloquently on behalf of all those present in thanking Toby for the many ways in which he had, over the years, informed and illuminated our knowledge of the town, of architecture, of Industrial Archaeology and a host of eclectic topics. A presentation was made of a framed photograph of Leamington by local photographer James Gallagher. All of our lives have been enriched by Toby's enthusiasm for and encyclopaedic knowledge of Leamington Spa and by his warm friendship. He will be greatly missed and our best wishes go with him in his move to Hardy country. *August 2011.*



Meeting Refreshments. Over the past year, the refreshments at meetings have been expertly organised by Peter Chater and John and Janet Willock. They have now relinquished this role, and we are looking for volunteers to take on this responsibility for the coming season. Full training is available!! Please give some consideration to helping the smooth running of our monthly meetings by offering to take on this responsibility. Martin Green, *August 2011*.

2011/12 Speakers Programme. The programme for the coming season is now available and contains some interesting subjects. Click on the Programme link to view. *July 2011*.

New Project! Imaging our Past and Present. I thought you or your members might be interested in a new archaeological/photography project we are running at the Historic Environment Record. Called Imaging our Past and Present, the project will give people the opportunity to tell heritage professionals what historic buildings or landscapes in their community are important to them. We are keen for as many people as possible to be involved in this project so instead of asking people to fill in questionnaires or write to us we are hoping people will send us photographs. It will be as simple as photographing the buildings or landscapes that you believe are important and telling us why you believe it should be protected for future generations.

To support participants, the HER will be organising FREE photography based workshops designed to increase confidence in taking photographs and working with them online. What will people learn in the workshops?

These workshops will teach people how to successfully photograph historical buildings how to edit their photographs using basic computer packages (such as MS Photo Editor or packages within the Flickr website), how to upload their images on Flickr and incorporate their comments or the building they have photographed.

Where will the workshops be held?

Workshops will be held in

Warwick on the 26th June
Alcester on the 3rd July
Polesworth on the 10th July.

Further information

If you would like any further information or have questions about the project please do get in touch.

Regards

Christina Evans
christinaevans@warwickshire.gov.uk *June 2011*.

Newsletter 41. Now available to view or print from the web site. Paper copies will be available at the next meeting. *April 2011*.

Leamington Society. Archie Pitts of the Leamington Society has drawn my attention to a meeting concerning the history and conservation of the Pump Room Gardens, Leamington Spa on Wednesday March 9th. 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Pump Room Annexe, Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa. Heritage Lottery Funds of over £40,000 have been awarded and the meeting is an introduction to the project and discussion of the ways in which local people might be involved. All interested parties are welcome. Martin Green, WIAS Chairman. *March 2011*.

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Artificial Stone - a successful substitute for natural stone? by Simon Scott MA.

120 pages, 20 photographs, hardback with dust wrapper.

Publication date: November 2009
 £15 inc P&P (UK only)
 To Order [Click here](#)
 For P&P to other countries please
 email publishing@haddonstone.co.uk

Artificial stone has a long and illustrious history that intertwines with the great boom in classically inspired country house building from the eighteenth century onwards. There have been more imitations of stone than of any other natural building material. This persistent emulation has most consistently been for reasons of economy, availability and fashion - particularly where quarried stone is difficult, time-consuming and forbiddingly expensive to employ. This volume provides a history of the most important manufacturers of artificial stone from the eighteenth century to the present day, mainly from the perspective of garden or landscape ornamentation. December 2010.

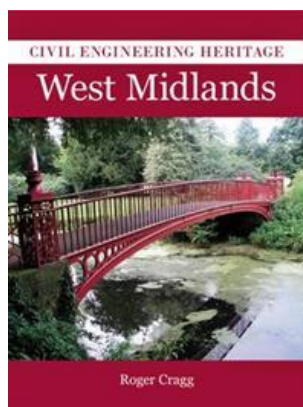
Stratford Talk. I would also like to draw your attention to a meeting on Wednesday December 8th., at Stratford Town Hall at 6 pm. The talk is entitled 'Discover Stratford's role in the birth of the railways' with Richard Gibbon and Miles Macnair. I attach a document giving details. Admission is free. Martin Green, WIAS Chairman. December 2010.

Railways Remembered 2010 - 2011. The archive film shows, hosted by Rob Foxon, continue to be shown all over the UK. The latest diary with all dates and venues is now available. [Click here.](#) October 2010.

Harris Edge Display Models. During the 1970s I was a member of the Warwickshire Steam Engine Society and through the good offices of another member I bought several sets of H.E. Showcase Models including 1900 Showman's Traction Engines. Each consists of the engine parts, numbered, and marked out in appropriate colours on thick good quality paper and accompanied by assembly instructions. By following these, the model is created using a sharp knife and clear glue. The finished engine is 12 inches long x 9 inches high. I have 2 traction engine kits to sell @ £10 each and would welcome enquiries from your members. Photograph of made up models of Traction Engine (as well as of 'Flying Scotsman') can be transmitted to anybody interested.

Regards.
 W.V.Gorman
w.gorman@mypostoffice.co.uk October 2010.

Newsletter 39, November. Now available on the website complete with colour images. Have a preview now before the paper version is available at the October meeting! Use the Newsletter link on the left or [click here.](#) October 2010.



Civil Engineering Heritage, (West Midlands), by Roger Cragg. This book is part of a regional series on civil engineering heritage that examines the contribution the civil engineer has made to society over the last three hundred years. It is fully illustrated throughout, making an important contribution to the industrial history of Britain, and would interest anyone with a desire to know more about civil engineering in the UK. It includes a county-by-county gazetteer of groundbreaking monuments to civil engineering, from aqueducts to windmills.

Roger has been the West Midlands Region member of the ICE's Panel for Historical Engineering for the past 33 years, and is closely involved with the identification and recording of the civil engineering heritage of the region. He is also a member of the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society, the Newcomen Society, the Association for Industrial Archaeology, the Railway and Canal Historical Society and gives numerous talks to local organisations on many aspects of civil engineering history.

For full details and press release click here. October 2010.



Spitfire Survivors by Gordon Riley, Graham Trant and Peter Arnold. A brand new publication following five years of research. Volume I covers the Spitfire Mk I - XII and will be published in October 2010 with Volume II following in mid-2011. Volume I alone amounts to a total of 572 pages with over 900 photographs. For full details of the book, including sample pages and how to place an order, visit the website by clicking here. October 2010.

AGM. The AGM of the society took place at the first meeting of the season on Thursday 9th September. Richard Hartree was thanked for his services as treasurer and the society officially appointed Victor Lobb as his replacement. Richard was thanked by Victor for leaving the accounts in good shape. A copy of the 2009/2010 accounts is available by clicking on the link in the left hand column. The existing members of the committee were re-elected for a further year with Martin Green continuing as chairman. For those who missed the AGM, George and Lis Sayell have decided to relinquish their responsibilities as refreshments organisers and we are urgently looking for replacements, perhaps a group working in some form of rota system? Our sincere thanks were expressed to George and Lis at the AGM. September 2010.

Letter from Chairman. Read the start of season letter from WIAS Chairman - Martin Green. August 2010.

Programme. The revised 2010 -11 programme is now available. Click here. August 2010.

Vacancy - Chedham's Yard. We currently have vacancies for volunteer researchers, a role I thought members of your group may be interested in. Information is available from me or from our website below.

<http://www.chedhamsyard.org.uk/showcontent.php?structureid=57>

Many Thanks

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August 2010.

IA Magazine. A collection of early IA magazines published by David & Charles is in need of a good home. See the Can You Help page for details. June 2010.

Newsletter No. 38 is now available on the site. The programme to the end of 2010 has also been added. June 2010.

Treasurer. The new society treasurer is Mr Victor Lobb who takes over the post from Richard Hartree. Thank you to Richard for the past 3 years service and welcome to Victor. June 2010.

WIAS Newsletters. Following a recent appeal, very high quality pdf copies of most of the newsletters are now available on the site. The exceptions, although still perfectly readable, are number 1 to number 6 which had to be scanned from paper copies as the

originals are no longer available digitally. Many thanks to Peter Chater & Mark Abbott. May 2010.

June 2010 WIAS Meeting. The last meeting of the season had been reserved for a members' session, but I have had the chance to book Mr. Bernie Cope to speak on 'The history of Toye, Kenning and Spencer', manufacturers of ribbons and a range of other regalia, with a strong Bedworth connection. Mr Cope is usually busy on Thursday evenings, but fortunately he can be free on Thursday June 10th., and I felt I should take the opportunity to invite him to speak at our meeting on that night. He will be bringing many samples of the company's work, and I feel sure it will be an excellent evening. This means that the members' session will be part of the first meeting of next season, which also includes the AGM.

Martin Green, WIAS Chairman. April 2010.

Churchill Archives Centre. The Leamington Society has arranged a coach trip to Cambridge to visit Churchill College and the Whittle Archive. The date is Wednesday 19th May 2010 and all WIAS members and their friends & family are welcome. You can just have a nice day out in Cambridge if you wish! Places are still available. For full details click here to download the booking form which must be completed before 1st May. April 2010.

The Establishment and Decline, of British Thomson-Houston and Metropolitan Vickers.

David J Wilson, President 1963-64, AEI (Rugby), Apprentice Association has compiled the history of British Thomson-Houston and Metropolitan Vickers. David has kindly made the history available to WIAS. This will be of great interest to many members and it is an extremely generous gesture. It is available as a pdf document and consists of 23 pages of detailed history including maps and photographs. Not to be missed. Click here or use the link on the left. April 2010.

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry - June 26th to August 30th

An Inland Adventure - Photographs by Robert Longden
During the late 1940s and early 1950s Robert Longden produced a remarkable portfolio of high quality black and white images. These photographs record the working life of the narrowboat people he encountered at the confluence of the Oxford and Coventry Canals, Hawkesbury Junction and Sutton Stop. The exhibition will be supplemented with photographs by Stephen Pochin, great-grandson of Longden, and an artist and photographer in his own right. These will convey the changes to the landscape and usage of the waterways in 2009.

Exhibition organised by Stephen Pochin in collaboration with the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum.

Just a reminder that **Dr. Malcolm Dick** will be talking on 'Matthew Boulton and the celebration of industrial technology' at 7.30 pm on Thursday April 8th. in the Pyne Room, Warwick School. Dr Dick will be bringing copies of his book 'Matthew Boulton - a revolutionary player', for sale at a reduced price.

All welcome.

Martin Green, Chairman WIAS. April 2010.

Newsletter 37, March 2010. Now available on the web site. Click here to view. March 2010.

Request for help. New entry on the 'can you help page'. Click here. February 2010.

The Leamington History Group. The group have kindly supplied an interesting short article on the Armstrong Whitworth A52 which became known as the Flying Wing. The full programme for the Society which now meets at The Old Library, Avenue Road, Leamington Spa is also available. Click on the pictures below to open the documents. February 2010.

Rob Foxon's Railways Remembered Heritage Film Show.

February 24th, 7.30pm at The Benn Hall Rugby - A new programme of rare archive footage.

Includes film of the travelling post office and steam at Leamington, Warwick & Rugby in the 1930's.

For details of some of the programme of films click here. Rob's full 2010 programme is now available at the link on the left of the page. (Note - if you can't get to this showing the same programme is also shown on Monday 29th March at The Corn Market Hall, London Rd, Corby, Northants which is not too far away and a very pleasant venue!) February 2010.

Stuart Robertson has kindly put together a nice selection of 1941 period adverts from around Coventry & Warwickshire. The names will be familiar to most people. Click here or use the link on the left to view them. February 2010

Collections Conversation, Whats in Store, The Herbert, 1200 noon until 1600, February 23rd.

Join Paul Thompson at The Herbert's accessible store to look at and handle a few of the fascinating things held in archaeology and natural history collections. Here is your chance to talk to a curator about anything to do with museums or collections in the Herbert. Paul Thompson, Keeper of Collections, Coventry Heritage and Arts Trust Ltd, The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Jordan Well, Coventry, CV1 5QP.

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www.theherbert.org January 2010

Newsletters 8 - 14, Sept 2002 to March 2004. Does anyone still have paper copies of these newsletters filed away at home? The webmaster would very much like to borrow these editions for a few days so they can be scanned and added to the website. The copies of these newsletters currently available on the site are in a plain typed format, all the others are now in the same style as the paper version and it would be nice to complete the set. If you can help please send me an email at enquiry@warwickshireias.org or use the link at the top of the page. January 2010.

Leamington Spa - Russell Street. Peter Coulls has kindly supplied a photograph, taken with an instamatic camera in 1976, of the the former Flowers Brewery Store premises. The building at that time was still clearly painted with their name but looked in need of some TLC! Peter Riley also took some photos of the same location in 2001. By then the office building had been fully renovated but the rear yard remained very original, and still does to this day. In 2001 it was being used to store part exchange vehicles from the garage next door and hidden in the very back corner was an ancient breakdown truck.



The building is of an interesting design with the splendid archway leading through to the yard. This may originally have provided stabling and storage for horses and a variety of carts as although there is evidence to show that the premises were occupied by at least two breweries it may have been originally built for a local haulier. There are also records that show it in use between the wars by a motor haulage service operated by Mr. W H Yardley. WIAS member Richard Storey has carried out some research and anyone interested in reading more about the property may like to refer to the below reference.

Article by R. A. Storey,
 'A Pioneer Leamington Haulier'
 Warwickshire History, (publication of the Warwickshire Local History Society)
 Vol. III, No.1, (Summer 1975, pages 37 - 40). January 2010

2009

Road Transport. Some nice shots of Leamington & Stratford bus garages and vehicles added. December 2009

Photo Gallery. Some interesting new photographs have been added to the photo gallery. December 2009

Your Faces Yours Places Project November 2009

Dear All

The Education & Outreach Team in Archives & Heritage (Birmingham Central Library - Digital Lab) are involved in a project which aims to encourage people around the West Midlands region to share their knowledge of people and places they feel have had an impact in their area and/or contributed to the diverse history of the West Midlands. The

images and text contributed will then be displayed on our website so that this knowledge can be shared and is easily accessible to a wide variety of audiences/service users, and which will also build a meaningful archive for diverse communities in the future.

Could you possibly forward the attached e-flyer to any contacts you have with community groups, schools, colleges and individuals who you think will find this interesting and/or print out a copy to pin on your notice board - I do have printed flyers as well if you'd like any at some stage. Please feel free to contact me for any further information and thanks for your help. Kind regards

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Coventry. One of the pictures given to me some 30 years ago showing one of three steam engines installed in 1900 at the London Road Sewage Pumping Station, Coventry. The information on the back of the photo describes it as a Fleming & Ferguson, Corliss triple. A similar picture appears in George Watkins "Stationary Steam Engines of Great Britain Volume 6 giving the following details "three inverted vertical triple expansion engines built by Fleming & Ferguson, Paisley , all given the build No. 281 for 1900. ... Electrically driven pumps were installed in the early 1960s, when all the steam plant was scrapped. (Photo & info supplied by Peter Coulls). November 2009

AIA / CBA Day Schools. The following invitation has been received. November 2009

Dear Secretary,

Attached to this email you should find a flyer and programme for the latest in the CBA/AIA series of day schools. These days, while mainly intended for CBA historic building volunteers and CBA and AIA planning correspondents, are open to all AIA members and members of Affiliated societies and free of charge (including lunch). We would like to encourage you and your members to attend. There are more details and the day's programme on the flyer. To reserve a place, please contact Brian Grimsditch at the University of Salford: 0161 295 3821 or email B.Grimsditch@salford.ac.uk.

Provisional Programme AIA Training Day Flyer

Christine Ball,
Hon Affiliated Societies' Officer,
AIA.

More photos of the old Midland Red Garage in Old Warwick Rd, Leamington Spa added and a new page with photos taken at Cheddams Yard, Wellesbourne, by Derek Billings at an open day in August 2005. November 2009

Coventry & District Archaeological Society. A link has been added to this interesting web site which often includes some I.A. Click here to visit. October 2009.

November & December WIAS meetings. Please note that the advertised speakers at these meetings have now changed. Full details are on the Programme page. October 2009.

Railways Remembered - Rob Foxon. The new diary of archive film shows with some venues close to home is now available. Use the link on the left hand side of the page. The Rugby show is on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm and promises to be an excellent evening. The title of the show is 'Along LNER Lines' and will include some Great Central footage. For the the full evening film programme and to obtain discounted admission click on the flyer. (If you cannot get to this venue the same show is repeated at The Corn Market Hall, London Rd, Kettering on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm). October 2009.

Avon Power Station, Warwick. A brand new page has been added, (link on the left), with a wealth of information and photos about the long demolished Avon Power Station at Warwick. Thanks to Chris Capewell, Queens Park, London; with particular thanks, for information and photographs, to Gordon Capewell, North Berwick. October 2009

AGM If you were unable to attend the September meeting which included the AGM, the 2008/09 accounts are now available to view on line. Click here. September 2009

Newsletter 35 September 2009 is now available on the website. Click here. September 2009

Chesterton Windmill - Update. At the June meeting of WIAS I delivered a presentation on Chesterton Windmill. At question time, I was asked how much the restoration which took place in 1968 - 1973, and at the time I said that I did not know. However I had the idea it was in the order of £40,000. I said I would try and find out for certain and come back to you. According to information I have recently discovered, the total cost of the works was between £10 - £11,000 of which £3500 was raised through a

public appeal. The remaining funding came from contributing which included Warwickshire County Council and the Mills Section of SPAB. The £40,000 I quoted was the estimate of what it would have cost, had it not been for the vast amount of work carried out by a volunteer workforce. Peter Bones, August 2009

Christian Wolmar. The Friends of Leamington Station have invited Christian Wolmar to talk about the History of the Railway (based on his excellent book "Fire & Steam") at Dormer Place Conference Centre, (near the Pump Rooms and the railway station), on Wednesday October 21st starting at 6:30pm. Cost £7 including a glass of wine. Tickets at the door, (opens 6:00), or from Marianne Pitts, 4 Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1BB. Cheques payable to Friends of Leamington Station. marianne.pitts@gmail.com July 2009

Local History Online has had a complete makeover to celebrate its twelfth birthday. We have kept all of the features which local historians find most useful, such as the Bookshop, Calendar of events, News, Getting started, Links to local history and related websites (over 300 of them) Courses and Local History Magazine, and we have greatly expanded the Local history societies section, which now has direct links to over 650 society websites and contact details for an additional 560 societies. Visit the site at www.local-history.co.uk/index.html July 2009

President Steam Narrow Boat. President is passing through Warwick and Leamington on its way to Braunston Marina on 25th/26th June. For detailed timings click here now. June 2009

Warwickshire Road Transport Sites. There are numerous old sites in the county connected with road transport. A new page has been added, link on the left, to record some of these starting off with the former Stratford Blue Bus Garage in Stratford upon Avon. If you have any suitable photos send them to the Society. June 2009

Tram Car Body. Peter Chater has supplied another photo of the tram car body that used to be located at the Warwick Power Station Bowling Green. You will find it in the photo gallery, link on the left. June 2009

JME Healeys Open Day
at The Cape, Warwick
Saturday 20 June 10am-4pm

In conjunction with the Austin Healey Club Midland Centre's 3000 Celebration Weekend in Warwick, JME Healeys will be holding an Open Day on Saturday at the old Donald Healey Motor Co workshop at The Cape in Warwick. The weekend will celebrate 50 years of the Austin Healey 3000 and a number of the ex-works Austin Healey rally cars will be on display at JME. Everyone is welcome! Directions to the workshop can be found on our website: www.jmehealeys.co.uk

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There is also a display of Healey's in Warwick Market Place on Sunday 21st June 2009. June 2009

Warwick Photographs. Christopher Capewell has supplied some more photos of Rock Mill, Warwick, taken in 1973 before its conversion. You will find them in the Photo Gallery. Do you know the location now of the tram car below? Full details on the Can You Help page. May 2009

May Newsletter, No. 34 is now available on line. Click here. May 2009

Warwick Power Station Electric Railway. Christopher Capewell has sent a superb old photo of what he believes is the electric overhead railway that used to operate at the former Warwick power station. He would like confirmation that the location is correct. Please have a look at the Can You Help? page on the website and contact Chris direct if you remember the location. May 2009

Christian Wolmar - Book early for this talk!

'Fire and Steam', October 21st 2009, 6.30pm, Friends of Leamington Station, Conference Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa. Further information from marianne.pitts@gmail.com April 2009

Rhydymwyn Valley Site

This river valley in North East Wales was once so secret that it never appeared on maps. Home to an operation that played a prominent part in the production of chemical weapons and the development of the 'A' bomb the site has now been reclaimed and is open to visitors on the 21st June 2009. The day is organized by Cadwynclwyd and will be packed with film show, slides shows, oral history, recordings and tours of the site. The doors of the storage tunnels will be specially opened and the event will focus on Building 45, the site of early atomic weapon research. Further information is available on the Rhydymwyn web site. Click here to visit now. Richard Johnson April 2009

Photo Gallery

New selection of photos by Hugh Jones and Derek Billings have been added to the photo gallery. April 2009

Transport IA

In the recent WIAS Newsletter (No. 33), society chairman Martin Green mentioned the history of bus transport in Warwickshire and this set us thinking. Do you have any photographs of interesting transport locations around the county either in or out of use? Send them to the web site at enquiry@warwickshireias.org and we will display them on a new page. We already have a picture of the old Stratford bus garage to start off with but anything will be considered. March 2009

Tie Plate

Can you find a home for this item of industrial archaeology? Click here to learn more ! March 2009

Railways Remembered by Rob Foxon

New programme for 2009, including aviation, now available. Click here. March 2009

Roger Cleal

Roger has recently discovered a very interesting web site called Forgotten Relics of an Enterprising Age, (no funny comments about WIAS members please!). It is well worth a visit and is updated on a monthly basis. Click here to visit the site now. February 2009

Requests for help.

From time to time the society receives requests for help from individuals and organizations. These requests are often in connection with personal research by an individual who needs local knowledge from the Warwickshire area. From 2009 any such requests will appear on a new page titled Can You Help? , there is a link on the left of the page. WIAS members have a wealth of information so please do contact the enquirer direct if you feel you can help them. February 2009

Newsletter 33 February 2009.

Now available on the web site, click here. February 2009

Evesham Vale Light Railway.

A few yards over the Warwickshire border into Worcestershire you will find this magnificent 15" gauge steam railway. If you haven't visited it yet it is well worth it. New page with some photos taken on a very cold 2nd January has been added and you can obtain full details from their own excellent web site. Click here for more information. January 2009

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Help Needed! I am helping to research a large scale model railway project for a friend. The model is based on Leamington Spa in the 1950's. One of the buildings we are hoping to include in the former malterers/maltings building in Clapham Terrace, Leamington Spa. It stood alongside the Grand Union Canal opposite the School and at one time was served by the railway. According to the Kelly's directories it was in the ownership of W Thomas malterers upto circa 1900 when it may have been used by Ballinger's Builders Merchants. Subsequently it was used as a repository by a furniture removers. The site was redeveloped in the 1980's/90's I believe and is now known as Waterside Court. Do any members of your society have any knowledge of this building and better still any photographs? I am more than happy to pay for any copies. Many thanks in anticipation

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December 2008

Nigel Bird Books. If you are a rail, (or canal), enthusiast, visit Nigel Bird Books and search the thousands of titles he has available on line. He also has a trade stand at many shows in the UK and early in 2009 will be at shows in Stoneleigh and Stratford. December 2008

January WIAS Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for individual members to present a topic that they have researched. There are already a number of speakers on the agenda but there is plenty of room for more! If you have something you would like

to share contact our Chairman Martin Green, as soon as possible, to secure your slot in the programme. Maximum presentation time is approximately 25 -30mins. Martin's details can be found on the Who's Who page or email him by clicking here. December 2008

Newsletter 32 - December 2008 added to the site. December 2008

Cardington Bedfordshire. Some shots of the famous airship hangars have been added to the photo gallery. The giant buildings, which measure approx 150ft high and 800ft long, were used for the construction of airships including the R100, the first privately built airship, designed by Barnes Wallis to carry 100 passengers. Over a period of two years Hangar 2 has been rented by Warner Bros. for use as a giant film set for the latest Batman movie titled The Intimidation Game. The hangar, one of the two which can be seen for miles around, is in easy reach of London's Shepperton Studios where most of the filming took place. Sadly most of the surrounding buildings have now been cleared for development. Only the main administration building is still standing and that is under threat of demolition for new homes. November 2008

Snowdrift at Bleath Gill. Do not miss this classic BTF film by Edgar Anstey. It is currently available to watch on the BBC iPlayer having recently been shown as part of BBC 4's railway series. If you like snow you will love this. 10 mins. duration, approximately. Click here to go direct to the film. No charge to watch any of these programmes but some are only available for a limited time. You need broadband for a good picture. November 2008

Photo Gallery. New interesting photos in Warwick & Napton, submitted by Hugh Jones, added to the photo gallery. November 2008

BBC iPlayer. Go to the BBC Wales selection of programmes and watch the first episode of Hidden Histories. There is a superb documentary on the construction of Telford's famous 1805 aqueduct near Llangollen. The programme is only available for a limited time so watch it as soon as possible. Click here for direct link and to see the other programmes in the series with IA content. November 2008

Final Dakota Flight. On the 15th July 2008 your webmaster had the privilege of being the last person on the last passenger carrying Dakota flight. To see a few photos and learn a bit more, click here. November 2008

TV Series. Starting at 0030hrs on BBC 4, Wednesday 9th October. 'Railway Walks'. Julia Bradbury embarks on a 6 part series of walks following Britain's lost rail empire, beginning in Derbyshire, the heart of the Peak District, on the Monsal Trail. Worth staying up for! October 2008

Rob Foxon. The 2008/9 programme of film shows is now available. Don't miss the Rugby venue on the 15th October, 7.30pm at The Benn Hall featuring the Midland Railway. New venues have been added and there is also a new Aviation Archive Programme. Click here for the diary. October 2008

More photos by Derek Billings have been added to the photo gallery. October 2008

Dear member/former member/industrial archaeology enthusiast,

I am writing to remind you all of the start of the new series of WIAS meetings beginning on Thursday September 11th. 2008. (See the Programme page or click here to download a printable version). Annual subscriptions are also now due and can be handed in at the monthly meeting to the Membership Secretary, or sent by post to:

Mrs. S. Hammon, WIAS Membership Secretary, 17 Knightcote Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 5FA.

A members' database sheet is attached, (click here to download), but there is no need to complete this if you filled one in last year and your details are unchanged. Subscriptions are £10 for individual membership and £12 for joint membership. Cheques payable to 'Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society'. Subscriptions should be paid by October 1st. 2008. Meeting fees for this season are £1 for members and £2.50 for non-members.

We very much look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings.

Martin Green (Chairman). September 2008

Photo Gallery. New additions to the photo gallery are now on line. They have been supplied by WIAS members Derek Billings, Peter Chater and the Webmaster and are well worth viewing. Click here or use the link on the left. If you have any interesting shots from the summer break email them in any format for display in the gallery. September 2008

TALKS NOT TO BE MISSED!

Frank Whittle Talk at 7.30pm, September 16th 2008, The Spa Centre, Leamington Spa. Lecture on Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet engine, who was born in Coventry and educated in Leamington Spa. The talk is given by his son Ian Whittle & is presented by the Leamington Society. Tickets: £7.50, Students £5.

Dr Pete Waterman OBE, 'The Next 100 years of Railways'. Organised by the Leamington Society, at Leamington Town Hall, 7.30pm, October 20th. Tickets are £5 and available by writing to Marianne Pitts, 4, Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1BB.

To see the full Leamington Society Programme of Talks for 2008/9 click here.

A new expanded version of the web site dedicated to the **Baddesley Ensor Pit explosion 1882** is now on line at www.baddesleypitexplosion.co.uk Well worth a visit. Another site worth visiting is that of the Moseley Railway Trust, dedicated to preserving narrow gauge industrial railway locomotives. August 2008

June Newsletter No. 31 available on line now. July 2008

Programme for the remainder of 2008 is now available on line. July 2008

Fire-fighting in Warwick by J. A. Powell - Special offer

Mr Powell's father and grandfather both served in the Warwick Volunteer Fire Brigade. He traces the history of fire-fighting in Warwick, beginning with an outline of the rudimentary facilities prior to the Great Fire of 1694. He shows how the modern service developed, initially through insurance societies. The volunteer force was established in the 1860s. There are sections on the equipment purchased, how it was used, the training involved, the political background, membership of the force, and a summary of what survives today in the way of equipment and buildings. There are 17 illustrations and full documentation guides the reader to other sources.

We are offering the booklet to your membership at £2 plus 50p postage. Cheques should be made out to 'Warwickshire Local History Society.' Please contact me for any further information.

Christine and Hugh Woodland
28 Lillington Road
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CV32 5YY
tel. 01926 422628 June 2008

Birmingham Faces and Places, Community History day at The Library Theatre, Birmingham Central Library. Full details of this event are now available. Click here. May 2008

WIAS Newsletters. Missing newsletter back issues from No.1 to No. 7 have now been added to the website. The scan quality is not perfect but they are acceptable. Thanks to Arthur Astropp for the loan of the originals. Together with the copies of 'Retort', mentioned below, there is now a complete archive available to everyone on line. May 2008

'Retort'. Members will remember with affection this excellent magazine produced between Spring 1993 and Summer 2000. There were 10 issues in all. Have you still kept your copies? If not it doesn't matter as they have all been scanned recently and are now available here on the society web site. If you want to know the speakers or outings, and there seemed to be quite a lot in those days, have a dip into past. You will need a high speed internet connection to open the larger issues as some of the file sizes are quite hefty. Thanks to Peter Chater for loaning his set of originals. Click here or use the link in the column on the left. May 2008.

Docklands. A sudden change of event at the last meeting reminded me of some photographs taken in Docklands recently, click here or use the link in the column on the left. May 2008

Hatton Locks. A new page of winter photographs taken at the Hatton Flight. May 2008

Help Needed. The society recently received the below request in respect of an exhibition in Leamington Spa this summer. Please help if you can and reply direct to the organiser. Details below. May 2008

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum are holding an exhibition this summer called Clocking On: Working Life in the 20th Century. The exhibition will focus on experiences of working in Warwick district in the last century and will include objects, images and reminiscence relating to some of the local manufacturing companies.

I am interested to know whether anyone in your Society has information and/or objects that may be relevant to the exhibition. I am particularly interested to know whether anyone has small pieces of machinery, equipment, tools or other material that relates to the manufacturing industries in the district. Some of the companies we are interested in are Automotive Products, Ford, Flavel/Rangemaster, Eagle Engineering, Napton Brickworks and Potterton.

Thank you in anticipation,

Vicki

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<http://www.search.lisagmcollections.org.uk/engine/theme/default.asp>

Joseph Elkington. Stretton on Dunsmore History Society has a splendid book on Joseph Elkington, the agricultural drainage pioneer, available to purchase at £3 per copy. Click here for a link to their web site and more information. April 2008

Kenilworth Greenway. The former Kenilworth Junction to Berkswell railway line has undergone a remarkable transformation following the Sustrans Connect2 Lottery grant of £50 million. It is well worth a visit and I recently did just that looking for any industrial archaeology that might have survived. To see the results click here or use the links on the left. April 2008

Members email. It became necessary to change the speaker and subject for the April WIAS meeting and on occasions such as this it is extremely useful to be able to e-mail members with the details. If you haven't already supplied your email address and are happy for the society to retain it, please use the link provided here to forward your details to Chairman Martin Green. Under the terms of the Data Protection Act the information is only retained to enable the Society to contact you and will not be made available or sold to third parties. Click here to send your email address. April 2008

April Meeting. The meeting heard a talk by Roger Cragg entitled Operating a Preserved Railway. Together with a Power Point display of photographs and documents Roger explained his involvement with the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway in mid-Wales over the last 30 years. Rostering staff, health & safety regulations and catering for all visitors needs were just some of the subjects covered. After the break, Chairman Martin Green reported on a recent Archaeological Conference he attended along with Treasurer Richard Hartree. April 2008

Napton Brickworks. The current newsletter, (March 2008, No. 30), contains an interesting article on Napton Brickworks. Derek Billings has kindly provided some photographs to accompany the article which can be viewed by clicking here or using the link on the left. April 2008

Early Newsletters. I hope to make available the society newsletters from issue 1 to issue 7 on the web site in the near future and possibly at a later date back copies of the original 'Retort' from 1993 onwards. April 2008

Newsletter 30, March 2008 is available on the web site now. Paper versions will be available at the next meeting on Thursday 10th April. April 2008

Members received a superb talk and Power Point display show at the March meeting and as a result now know far more about how the Ordnance Survey organization maps the UK. For much more information visit their excellent web site by clicking on the link above. March 2008

Railways Remembered diary of all archive film shows by Rob Foxon until the end of 2008 is now available. Use the link in the left hand column. February 2008

The Book Stall apologizes for not being at the February meeting. One half was on holiday and the other half was taken ill, hope to be back in March. February 2008

Warwick Castle Engine House has featured at WIAS meetings a number of times in recent years. A new page has been added with a few pictures to give a flavour of what awaits you when you visit this interesting IA site. January 2008

Warwickshire Archaeology. The January WIAS meeting was treated to a splendid talk and Power Point display by Warwickshire Planning Archaeologist Anna Stocks on her role within Warwickshire County Council. Anna was extremely enthusiastic about her work and showed some local examples of recording that had taken place in Warwick and Bedworth, carefully chosen to emphasise the industrial aspect! Her department relies very much on the public informing them about sites of interest which may then be recorded on their data base. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you know of something they may not be aware of. Anna can be emailed directly at annastocks@warwickshire.gov.uk Don't forget that all the sites that are recorded in Warwickshire are available to view on line through the Time Trail web site that Anna's department has created. Click here to visit the site. January 2008

2007

A second and very large collection of Patent documents, some relating to Coventry & Warwickshire companies is also available for purchase, individually or as a complete collection. Click here for full details. December 2007

A large number of Birmingham Patents are available for purchase. To see the complete list of documents click on the link here or in the column on the left. Please contact the seller direct for further information. December 2007

Newsletter 29, Dec 2007 added to the web site. December 2007

The University of Oxford - Continuing Education. The department is running a course titled An Introduction to Industrial Architecture on Thursday afternoons, in Oxford, from the 17th April to 26th June 2008. Course fee is £85. For full details click here. November 2007

David Bright presented a splendid illustrated talk on the Mill & Engine House at Warwick Castle at the November meeting. He is extremely enthusiastic about his subject and has been involved with the restoration from the very beginning. November 2007

Martin Green, WIAS Chairman, announced that he hopes to have filled the positions of Treasurer and Membership Secretary in the very near future. November 2007

WIAS Programme 2007/2008. The full programme of speakers through to July 2008 is now available on the Programme page. October 2007

Railways Remembered 2007/2008. Rob Foxon's marvellous archive film shows continue to entertain enthusiasts with a variety of ever changing topics. A new page has been added, with a link on the left hand menu list, showing the programme for 2007/2008. There are local venues at Rugby & Leamington Spa but if you can't get to those there are plenty of others to visit. Click here to see the list. September 2007

'Windows on Warwickshire'. Have you visited this superb web site yet? It contains hundreds of photos of Warwickshire locations, some as far back as the 1800's. There are some particularly good street scenes of locations that have long since vanished. Try searching with a place name or an industry name, for example, for some surprising results. Click here to visit the site. September 2007

Newsletter 28, September 2007 now available on the web site. September 2007

2007/2008. Details of the new seasons meetings, until Christmas, have now been added to the web site. Please note there is a change to the original published programme. Meetings now take place in the Pyne Room at Warwick School and for those who did not attend the meetings at the end of the last season, this is a short walk from the Sixth Form Centre, continuing in a westerly direction from the Junior School car Park. In addition a form has been sent to all members to try and update the membership database. At the AGM, Mark Abbott ended his period as members' secretary and in the absence of volunteers, the Chairman has taken over responsibility - hopefully on a temporary basis! The Treasurer's post is also still vacant. Martin Green, WIAS Chairman, September 2007

Ice House found in North Warwickshire. An email was received at WIAS earlier this year from Kevin Wright of Grendon and will interest members. Click here to read the full story. July 2007

The final meeting of the season included the AGM with a report from the Chairman and Treasurer on the state of the society. Overall it is very healthy. Numbers at meetings have been up on previous years, on some nights in excess of 60, and the bank balance is well into the black! The society has outgrown the 6th Form Centre and meetings will continue to be held in The Pyne Room for the foreseeable future. The committee announced they are all prepared to continue for another year, with the exception of Mark Abbott, who has carried out the joint role of Membership Secretary & Treasurer for a long time. The Chairman thanked Mark for the excellent work he has done. It is nice to know that Mark will be continuing in his third role as Newsletter producer/editor. After refreshments the evening concluded with two excellent slide shows, the first by Richard King on some of the rather more obscure Warwickshire sights of interest, and the second by Martin Green on the IA of North Warwickshire. There was also a short but very interesting film on the life and work of Thomas Telford. July 2007

Lancaster Bomber B1 PA474. In October 2006 one of the two remaining flying Lancaster's in the world underwent a full overhaul at Coventry. Click here to see some photographs. July 2007

Newsletter 27, the June Newsletter is now available on line. Click here. The programme for the remainder of 2007 is also available, click here. July 2007

BBC Country File, presented by John Craven and others, are recording a feature on the canals in South Warwickshire to be shown later this Summer. The programme is normally shown on a Sunday, around lunchtime. Keep an eye open for the possible appearance of a well know WIAS member! More information when available. June 2007

Well done to all those members who managed to attend the June meeting! In particular, a big thanks to the two speakers who travelled - (or paddled!), from Kidderminster to give the second part of their extremely interesting talk on the carpet industry. Torrential rain fell from about 6.30pm in the evening and Warwick town centre

and the surrounding area came to a standstill. The short journey from Leamington to the meeting took some members well over an hour! Despite the terrible conditions we still managed to muster about 40 members. June 2007

The Coventry Model Engineering Society has been in existence, in one form or another, since the early 1900's. Over the years the CMES members have built and operated three railways for live steam operation. The first was at the Memorial Park, Coventry from 1952 until 1980. Many WIAS members will no doubt remember the track close to the Kenilworth Road. From 1981 the society operated a track at Stoneleigh Abbey and when that site was sold for development it moved to its present home at Ryton Country Park near Ryton on Dunsmore. This is undoubtedly the biggest and best yet. The CMES has a splendid new website - [click here to pay a visit](#). May 2007

George Singer & Coundon Court - a new page has been added to the site following a recent visit by WIAS members to his former home in Coventry. The visit included a splendid guided tour by Richard Hoare, a former teacher at Coundon Court School for over 30 years. [Click here](#). May 2007

Narrow Boat - this excellent series, screened on Sky Television, is now available on DVD. Series 1 featured the restoration of the large Woolwich motorboat 'Dover'. The DVD can be ordered direct from the production company at www.i2itelevision.com. Visit their website and you will see a link to the appropriate section. The company has also produced many other interesting DVD's. For more information contact:

Sam Green, Series Producer/Director, 'Narrow Boat' & 'Narrow Boat Afloat', i2i Television, PO Box 147, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6YP, Tel: 01684 541 885 April 2007

Newsletter 26 now available on the web site. April 2007

Railways Remembered Archive Film Shows presented by Rob Foxon. The full diary of venues for 2007 is now available. Remember there will be a double bill at The Spa Centre, Leamington Spa on Tuesday 1st May 2007. Bygone Britain in the afternoon and Railways in the evening. March 2007

The Kenilworth Society has two interesting open meetings in March and April to which all WIAS members are invited. The first is an illustrated talk at Kenilworth Library on the 29th March 2007 on the Grand Canal of China - The Grand Canal of China is the longest canal in the world, far surpassing the next two grand canals of the world: Suez and Panama Canal. It is 1,114 miles long with 24 locks and some 60 bridges. The building of it began in 486 B.C. making it the world's oldest canal.

The second is on Sunday 29th April 2007 when there will be a guided tour of Coundon Court, Coventry, the former home of George Singer, the Coventry car maker - Coundon Court in Northbrook Road, Coundon was built in 1891 to the design of Charles Gray-Hill for George Singer, founder of the Singer Cycle and Motor Car Company. It is now part of Coundon Court School. March 2007

Following a 'crash' at the company that hosts our web site it may have appeared to look a little out of date recently. When they restored it from their backup the latest version they had was from January 2007. It is very unusual for this to happen. All is now back to normal and by way of an apology we have been given an extra month's free hosting. March 2007

Happy to New Year to all WIAS members. The December 2006 Newsletter is now available on the web site together with dates and topics for meetings in 2007. Jan 2007

2006

Rob Foxon's Railways Remembered Archive Film Shows. Local dates added to Programme page and full list of venues for 2006/2007 available. [Click here](#). Nov 2006

The following email may be of interest to members:

Dear Everyone!

As you may recall last year, i2i Television produced Discovery Real Time's highest rating series, of 2005, 'Narrow Boat', which followed the restoration of a 1937 ex working narrow boat, the 'DOVER.'

Due to its success, we were commissioned to make a follow up series, where our presenter, Alan Herd, took the Dover down its old route, from Birmingham to London, on the Grand Union Canal.

Finally, after a long production period, I can release the transmission times for the new series. The series will be transmitted from Wednesday 1st November, where there will be a double bill of 'Narrow Boat Afloat' from 10pm, on Discovery Real Time. Two episodes of the ten part series will be shown on subsequent Wednesdays over the following weeks.

I hope you enjoy the second series, as much as we enjoyed making it! It was a great summer!

Best Wishes
Sam Green
Series Producer - 'Narrow Boat Afloat'
i2i Ltd,
PO Box 147, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6YP.
Oct 2006

The September Newsletter has been added to the website. Sept 2006

Subscriptions of £10 per person/couple for the 2006/2007 year are now due. Please pay the treasurer at the September meeting or forward a cheque payable to 'Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society' to his address which can be found on the 'Contact Us' page. Sept 2006

Update - Chedham's Yard was the overall winner! Sept 2006

Chedham's Yard, Wellesbourne is one of the contenders in the 2006 BBC Restoration Series. When William 'Bill' Chedham lay down his tools at the end of his final day of work, closed the door and walked away from Chedham's Yard he left behind him a perfectly preserved portrait of the life and working conditions of a professional wheelwright and blacksmith. To read all about this and the others locations in the 2006 series click here. Aug 2006

The AGM took place on Thursday 13th July 2006, the final meeting of the season. Accounts showing a healthy balance were presented and adopted by the members and the current committee, all agreeing to continue in office for another 12 months, and were duly re-elected. Mark Abbott our long serving treasurer would very much welcome an offer of assistance with a view to eventually handing over the job, which he done since 1989, in the future. After the refreshments there were slides, power point presentations and a DVD, mostly featuring aspects of IA in North Warwickshire and one from New Zealand. The meeting generally felt that North Warwickshire had been neglected by the society to a certain extent. There is a lot of IA up there waiting to be discovered, recorded and photographed and hopefully this short session acted as a taster. Perhaps now is the time to get out there with the camera during the long summer break ? July 2006

June 2006 Newsletter now available on line. Remainder of 2006 programme added. June 2006

If you have not already had a look, visit the **Windows On Warwickshire** web site. There are hundreds of photographs in various categories of Warwickshire towns villages and countryside. Many of the photos are of interest to I.A. enthusiasts, for example in the Kenilworth section there are shots of the old gas works, the factory in Moorlands Avenue, and some great street scenes from the turn of the century. To visit the site click here. May 2006

The Open Road is a series of films made in 1924-26 by Claude Friese-Greene using an early colour process partly developed by his father William Friese-Greene and which his son Claude perfected. The film traces a journey by car from Land's End to John O'Groats and offers an extraordinary vision of Britain in the 1920s in colour. Currently showing on BBC2 the film was released on DVD on the 3rd May 2006. To see the location of Friese-Greene's studio in Bath click here. May 2006

Visit the Warwickshire Communities Web Site and learn about the exciting projects they are developing. Click here. April 2006

Roger Cleal is looking for a web site on Royal Mail Post Boxes and has sent this interesting photo of a motorcycle and mail box, possibly taken in India between 1900 and 1914. A search on Google will produce many results, but if anyone knows of a really good site please contact Roger direct at the next meeting or at Roger Cleal. April 2006

Jeremy Hassell -White and Poppe, was the subject of the March meeting. Over 50 in the audience enjoyed a very professional talk and slide show from someone who said 'he didn't give talks !' Coupled with the maps showing the vast scale of the operation on their site to the north of Coventry City Centre, the slides, and short film of a Royal visit to the factory, the members were told an extremely interesting story including how White and Poppe slipped easily from the development and manufacturing of engines into munitions as WWI approached. Let's hope for a return visit from Jeremy in the future. Pictures of the remaining Lockhurst Lane buildings, presently being re-furbished, on the right.

Unknown to most people, the former Coventry City Police Force had a brick built Police Box built on the wall outside the factory. (Most boxes were of the wooden Dr Who 'Tardis' type and were removed around 1967 following the introduction of the first personal radios. Amazingly this box still exists complete with its flap which used to house the public phone for emergency use. The building now contains electrical equipment. March 2006

Roger Cleal has discovered MAGIC! MAGIC is the first web-based interactive map to bring together information on key environmental schemes and designations in one place. MAGIC is a partnership project involving eight government organisations who

have responsibilities for rural policy-making and management, and although it has been designed to meet the needs of the partner organisations, the facility is available to anyone over the Internet. Click here to have a look at somewhere you know in detail. March 2006

Newsletter No.22 is now available on the web site, remember you can read it on line or download it and save it on your own PC. This issue contains a fascinating article by Peter Chater on the history of Harbury Windmill near Leamington Spa. Click here to go direct to the newsletter, the article is on page 3, or click on the image to see a larger version. March 2006

Members enjoyed a splendid illustrated talk at the February meeting. The topic was **Emscote Mill**, remembered locally by many from its final use as a manufacturing plant by Shire Pies. Although the buildings were there for many years not everyone realised they had originally been built as a mill alongside the canal near the site occupied by the new Tesco. A well attended meeting with 50 plus members and visitors present. February 2006

Toby Cave has discovered an interesting item on the world wide web. The site features The Craig Telescope. 'In 1852 a telescope stood on Wandsworth Common in London. It was the brain child of one man, the Reverend Mr. John Craig of Leamington Spa and it represented the biggest refracting telescope in the World at the time.' Click here to read all about it. February 2006

As a result of the January meeting we all now know a lot more about **Thomas Brassey** thanks to an excellent talk by member Roger Cragg. An interesting 'short' item on Spanish manhole covers followed the refreshment break! Chairman Martin Green mentioned at the meeting that members have a vast store of information on a wide variety of topics and are always welcome to give a talk at our monthly meeting. Just let Martin or Mark know. January 2006

The web site has had a minor New Year make over including, an improved title banner and hyperlinks that now subtly change colour when you hover over them. A photo gallery is under construction and older items of news can now be found in the news archive. There are new links under the Information Pages heading on the left of the screen. January 2006

2005

Peter Coulls sponsors the first Talylyn Railway item to be saved for the Narrow Gauge Railway Museum, one of the original slate wagons of 1865 (TR001). This is in memory of TOM CHARMAN, a true enthusiast, from his many friends in the Warwickshire Steam Engine Society and the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeological Society. Click here to visit the NGRM web site. December 2005

Newsletter No.21 now available to read or download and save. See Peter Chater's discovery of a cob wall in Claverdon on Page 2. December 2005

The Industrial Railway Society has recently published 'Industrial Railways and Locomotives of Warwickshire' Preliminary Draft ISBN 1 910556 30 1 140 pages of text + four pages of maps, (no photos), £9.00 (soft cover). This has much of interest within, but could do with the input of WIAS members on certain aspects of things such as the cement industry. Anthony Coulls, Collections Care Manager, Locomotion - the National Railway Museum at Shildon, Shildon, Co. Durham, DL4 1LD. Tel. 01388 771446. Fax. 01388 771448. acoulls@sedgefield.gov.uk November 2005

At the **October** meeting our chairman Martin mentioned a new web site featuring Birmingham's history. It is extremely interesting and well worth visiting. Click on this link to go straight to it. Made In Birmingham. Another site of particular interest to us locally is to be found at Pioneers of the Machine Tool Industry. Well worth visiting. October 2005

We are now members of the Industrial Archaeology and History Web Site Ring. At present there are 102 members of this ring of sites and you can travel from one to another in sequence or just select a random site and see what you get. They are all vetted, including our own, and follow an I.A. theme. Use the box at the bottom of the home page to get started and pay some visits. October 2005

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the 2005/2006 season are now due. Provisionally, and subject to agreement by the membership at the September 2005 meeting, the amount payable will remain as for the last season: £10.00 per person or couple with an additional meeting payment of £1.00 per person to help cover refreshment expenses. Payment should preferably be made at a meeting, but payments by post are acceptable Please note that receipts for postal payments will not be sent out, but instead will be available for collection at a subsequent meeting. Cheques should be made payable to Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society please. September 2005

Programme to March 2006 and Newsletter No. 20 now available. September 2005

Rob Foxons Railways Remembered Archive Film Shows. Full Autumn - Winter 2005 programme now available - see the Programme page. August 2005

The last meeting before the summer break ended with an interesting talk on Milestones in Warwickshire and further afield, a fascinating subject. On the way home from that meeting I checked to see if the one in the wall at Coventry Rd and Tainters Hill, Kenilworth was still there. It's gone and it's place is neatly filled in with two sandstone blocks. Anyone know where it is ?? This was presumably next in the link to the one at Gibbet Hill crossroads and the other, near the Memorial Park, Coventry which prompted some discussion at the meeting. July 2005

During the summer you may feel inclined to take some IA photos on your travels - why not send them to the web site to share with members. email to: webmaster@warwickshireias.org July 2005

New page added with some shots by Derek Billings of **Kenilworth Station** in the 1970's. July 2005

Thanks to everyone who helped make the June AGM meeting a success. All members of the WIAS committee were happy to continue and were re-elected for the coming year. Chairman Martin Green thanked those who attended meetings commenting 'you are the society'. The society accounts were not available on the night but the chairman reported from extracts that the finances were in good shape. Slides and talks completed the evening following the conclusion of the official business. Members particularly enjoyed the free beer supplied by Jane from her micro brewery at Church Lawford and the nibbles that accompanied it. (Coffee sales seemed very low for some strange reason!). Belated birthday greetings to our chairman Martin ! June 2005

The June edition of the Newsletter, No.19, is available on line from the Newsletters page and the programme to December 2005 has now been added. June 2005

On the 17th May 2005 the Corris Railway Society took delivery of its brand new narrow gauge steam loco Tattoo. Click here to see the photos. Tattoo has been built from scratch to the original design of the Corris No.4 Kerr Stuart, (now Talylyn Rly No.4, Edward Thomas). May 2005.

At the May meeting Peter Cross-Rudkin gave an excellent talk with slides illustrations entitled 'William James - Father of the Railways'. To learn more about this extremely interesting local man visit the web site dedicated to him. Click here. May 2005.

Change of date. The AGM will now take place at the June 2005 meeting and there will a number of talks by members. If you wish to contribute, stand for election or become more involved in any way please contact us. April 2005.

A new booklet called Kenilworth's Last Brickworks is now available. This look at Cherry Orchard Brickworks, in photographs, has been compiled by WIAS member Derek Billings. Price to members is £2.50, (normal price £3.50 + postage). For more information click here. April 2005.

The more recent newsletters are in Adobe Format, go to the Newsletter Page right click on the link to a newsletter and chose the 'save target as' option to download the newsletter quickly to your computer. You can then view it at any time without going on line. Feb 2005.

Subterranea Britannica the web site devoted to the study of 'Man Made & Man Used Underground Places!', has a recently added a new article concerning the old Newbold Tunnel on the Oxford Canal. Click on this link to learn more www.subbrit.org.uk - Mark W Abbott. Feb 2005.

Following the recent talk on Birmingham Glass Making, why not buy yourself a copy of Dr Michael Hodder's excellent new book 'Birmingham The Hidden History'.

Roger Cragg presents an illustrated talk at the Cambrian Society, Coventry on 11th February. See the programme page for full details. Jan 2005.

2004

Newsletter 17, Dec 2004, has been added to the site. Dec 2004.

Mark Abbott's excellent production is now displayed in Adobe Format. The advantage is that it looks just like the paper version we are familiar with - the disadvantage is that with a dial up internet connection it takes a while to open as the file size is quite hefty. Just sit back and be patient and it will appear. Most PC's have Adobe Reader installed and you should be able to read it without problem. If you do not have it, visit www.adobe.co.uk or click on the icon below and download the free version. Please leave any comments in the visitors book! Dec 2004.

The November meeting was an illustrated talk by John Boynton of Kidderminster, based largely on his recent book, 'The London & Birmingham Railway between Birmingham and Coventry'. If you did not buy a copy on the night you missed a bargain! It is extremely well written with excellent photographs. If you would like a copy for £10 plus p&p please email the webmaster for details. Dec 2004.

After an excellent talk, (and tasting), on Warwickshire Cheese Making at the October meeting, click here to visit the Fowlers of Earlswood Cheese Makers web site. Oct 2004.

Newsletter 16, Sept 2004 now available on line in its traditional format.

First Autumn Season meeting is on Thursday 9th September 2004. We look forward to seeing all members and visitors and hope you had a pleasant summer break.

The second series of 'Restoration' has been won by The Old Grammar School at Kings Norton Village, Birmingham. I used to pass it daily for many years and it's well worth a visit. To visit the BBC 'Restoration' web site and learn more click on the logo above..

Following a tip off from Toby Cave at the AGM, we have discovered an interesting web site that gives much information about the explosion and disaster at Baddesley Pit, North Warwickshire in 1882. It was the worst in its history, 32 men lost their lives. Click here to visit the site.

Newsletter 15, June 2004 now available on line in its traditional format.

Tie Plates A home is needed for an unusual item of IA ? Click here to learn more!

After WEEDON! Further to the excellent meeting on Thursday 13th May, members may like to visit a web site called 'Subterranea Britannica.' This site is devoted to the study of 'Man Made & Man Used Underground Places!'. It has an excellent page on The Royal Ordnance Depot, Weedon with many photographs, entries on numerous underground Military and Civilian Sites and a splendid affiliated site on closed railway stations. Thanks to prospective member Roger Cleal, a former R.O.C. member for supplying this information.

Why not visit the Ordnance Survey web site and see the latest maps of the UK. You can also call up old maps mainly from the 1880's, very handy when looking for IA sites.

Don't miss the CVRTC Heritage Classic Commercial Motor Show at Gaydon, Sat & Sun 12th & 13th June.

2003

The Spring programme for 2004 has now been arranged, details on the programme page and Newsletter 13, December 2003 has been added.

The Cherry Orchard Brickworks site, Kenilworth, is about to be re-developed for homes. Richard Storey & Peter Riley took a final look round. Click here to read more and see some photos of what's left.

The Sites & Monuments Record for Warwickshire is now on line. It includes over 9000 historic finds across the county and about 2000 images. Visit the site: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/timetrail

Visit the Odibourne Press Web Site for local history publications on the Kenilworth area.

Newsletters 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 available now, more pictures will follow in due course.

The speaker at the September meeting was Dr Mike Hodder, Planning Archaeologist from the Conservation Group at Birmingham City Council. During his talk he recommended a visit to their web site, it is full of interesting information on the work they have carried out in Birmingham. Click on the link below to pay a visit.

The BBC Restoration series has finished with viewers voting in the final for Victoria Baths, Manchester. To see more of the series and all of the buildings featured, follow the link below to the BBC Restoration web site.

The BBCi History site is full of information some of which is of I.A. interest. If you missed a particular radio programme you can play it at any time via the web site. Use the link below.

