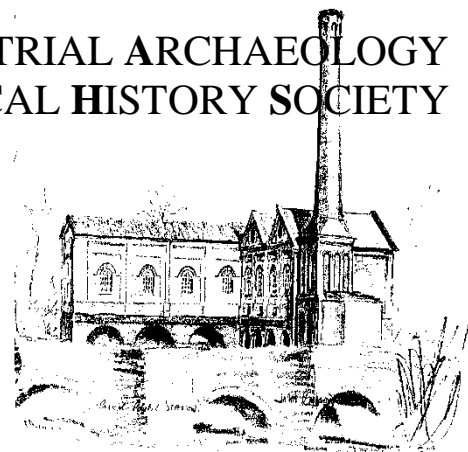


WORCESTERSHIRE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2019

Welcome to the WIA&LHS Summer programme for 2019

My apologies for this being somewhat late, curtailed and I have issued this in a shorter format of flyers that can be photocopied rather than printed. The same versions will, I think, be able to be used for the emailed versions. Note the cut-off return slips on the double sided, printed version curtail the notes on these reverse pages.



I was expected to have a wee operation, in the summer, but it was variously delayed, rescheduled, confirmed, cancelled, etc, till February (way past the recommended waiting time – front line staffing was good, but the Worcestershire NHS's organisation is chaotic). Ending up with a more complicated op and a more protracted convalescence, I was unable to travel or use the computer for some weeks, so I was unable to follow up many of my initial enquiries (usually done between December & March). Only recently being able to drive again, Carl Jukes and I have also not been able to research or recce a Worcester walk this year.

The coach bookings all fall when the schools are off so we can use Northwick Road, the Lodges for the parking and pick up. Reports of the new Aerospace Museum in Filton have been good, but combining this with Clifton.

The NIAG will host us for a tour in August, plus a visit to Charles Rennie Mackintosh's amazing re-modelled house for Bassett-Lowke (several of his famous train models on show).

Members have generously agreed to host trips for us, so Bill Lambert will run two visits (pleas book one only, limited numbers, with additional dates if filled) to Tardibigge the lime kilns.

Previous guide, Julian Hunt visits the Leasowes and Halesowen and Tim Bridges is giving us his tour or Victorian and Arts & Crafts South Birmingham.



Mike Hayzelden

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Summary of Summer Programme 2019

MAY

- *Monday 6 May* *MAY DAY*
- *Monday 27 May* *SPRING BANK HOLIDAY*

JUNE

- *Saturday 8 June* *pm* **1st Visit** to Tardibigge Lime Kilns by Worcester Birmingham Canal.
- *Sunday 9 June* *Coach* *SWAG visit to Bath*
- *Monday 17 June* *am* **Visit** Halesowen & Leasowes with Julian Hunt
- *Thursday 22 June* *pm* **2nd Visit** to Tardibigge Lime Kilns by Worcester Birmingham Canal.

JULY

- *Wednesday 24 July* *pm* Visit & picnic in Wallled Garden, Fort Royal, with C. Silvester

AUGUST

- *Wednesday 7 August* *Coach* Northampton with NIAG giving tour, + 76 Derngate, Museum
- *Tuesday 20 August* *Coach* Tim Bridges coach crawl around [Victorian churches of Herefordshire?]
- *Monday 26 August* *AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY*

SEPTEMBER

- *Sunday 1 Sept* *Coach* Clifton Observatory & Filton Aerospace Museum
- *Friday 13 Sept* *eve* **Lecture** 1st of winter season

Tardebigge Lime Kilns 1

Saturday 8th June

Guide: Bill Lambert [car visit about 20 max– 6 car spaces]

3pm @ canal car park

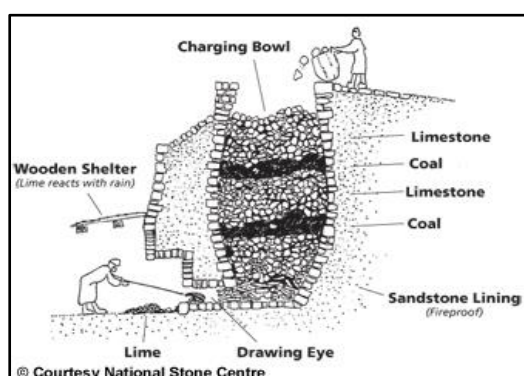


Bill is one of our newer members and a long-standing member of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal Society. He has been managing the volunteers at the clearing and excavation of these features alongside the canal. He will take a small (there is very limited parking even once the volunteers have left) group on a tour after his volunteer working party finish round 3pm.

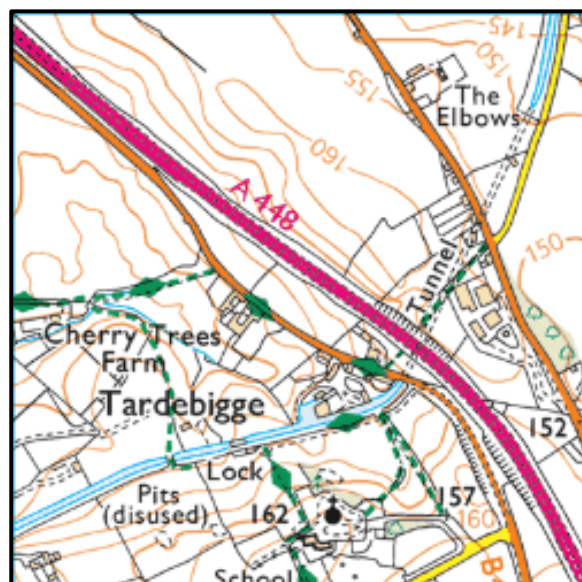
These kilns are part of the complex of Tardebigge New Wharf, which is on the Worcester and Birmingham Canal. They are situated adjacent to the basin which is very

near the 'Top Lock' of Tardebigge flight of locks.

The lime kilns consist of five chambers which were built into the natural slope of the ground. The kilns were set into the embankment so that each kiln could be loaded



with coal and limestone at the canal side level, while the burnt lime was extracted from the chambers at the lower level. These kilns were



established at least by 1814. Closed in the early 1900's, they have since stood neglected and been used as a waste tip.

Grid Reference: **SO99496933**

Cost: £3 ea (£5 non WIA) on day to Bill (for W&BCs)

Meet at Tardebigge: New Wharf, Alcester Road, Tardebigge, Bromsgrove, B60 1NF from 3pm

Tardebigge Lime Kilns 1

Saturday 8th June

Booking only: WIA..... places @ £3 ea + non-members..... @ £5 each PAY ON DAY

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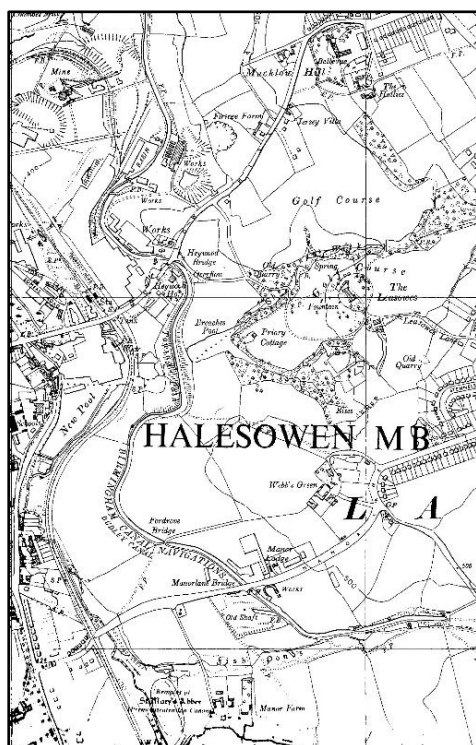
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Halesowen & Leasowes

Monday 17th June

Guide: Julian Hunt [walk about 30 max]

10.30am @ canal car park



With our guide, Julian Hunt, we begin by exploring the canal and on to the landscape of the Leasowes, which he covered in a lecture to the society in 2017, about William Shenstone, its designer.

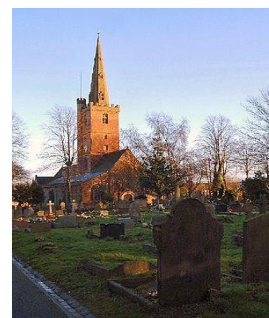
The narrow brick Lapal tunnel was built for the Dudley Line No. 2, in 1798 by William Underhill. No towpath and a very small bore at 7'9" with a 6' headroom. In 1841 a steam pump was built at the Halesowen end, to flush boats through the tunnel. The tunnel collapsed in 1917.

Halesowen developed rapidly during the C18th for the manufacture of nails it's staple trade and many mills were used for slitting and iron production. Coal had been mined in the area from at least the reign of Edward I. Dating to 1893, Coombes Wood was the largest colliery in the town and in 1919 Halesowen had 130 working mines

free parking at Leasowes (nr the Canal Wharf, Somers' Forge)-fee to Local Halesowen History Society.

Meet @ 10.30am Leasowes car park (nr canal wharf)

Cost £4 (£6 non-WIA)



Halesowen & Leasowes

Monday 17th June

Booking: places @ £4 each = £.....

(incl. non-members @ £6 each = £.....) **Total Enclosed £.....**

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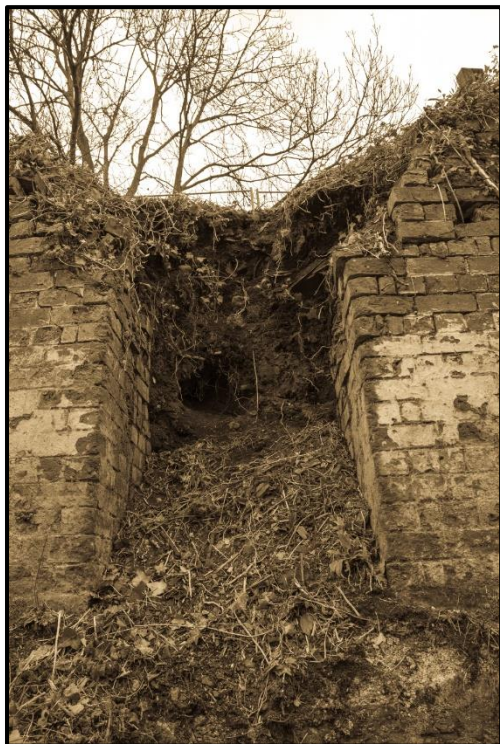
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Tardebigge Lime Kilns 2

Thursday 27th June

Guide: Bill Lambert [car visit about 20 max– 6/7 car spaces]

3pm @ canal car park



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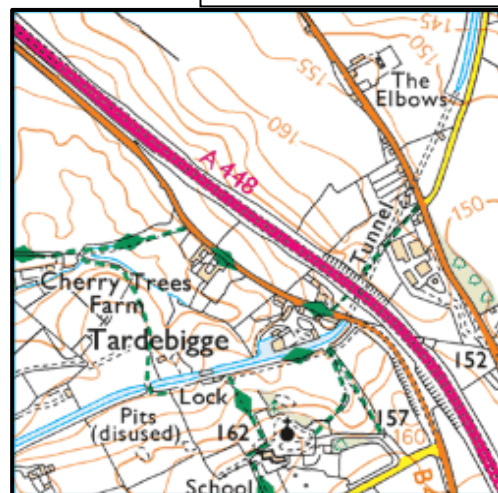
These lime kilns are regarded as a heritage asset By the Bromsgrove District Council and are a significant historic feature listed in the Tardebigge Conservation Management Plan. They are one of the very few lime kiln structures which are still intact in the county of Worcestershire. The Canal and River Trust have also given a commitment to their conservation.

In 2012 the Worcester – Birmingham and Droitwich Canals Society achieved 'Self Supervising Status' as a volunteer Work Group.

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(£5 non WIA)
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Lambert



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from 3pm

Tardebigge Lime Kilns 2

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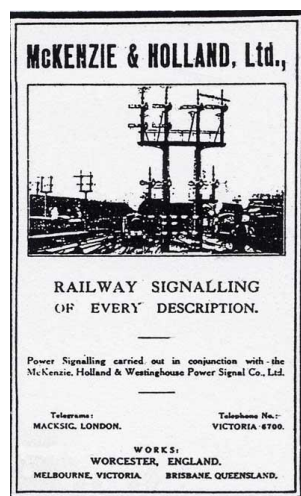
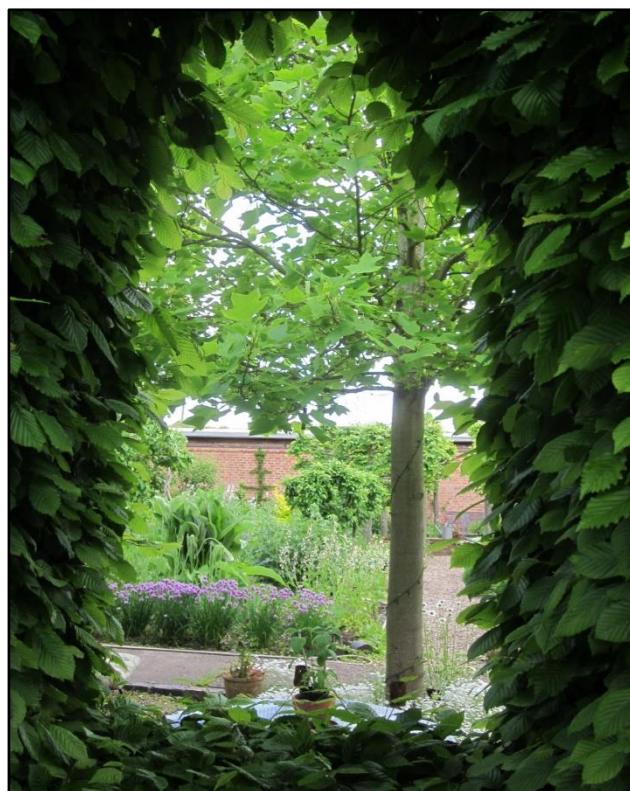
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Walled Garden, Garden Party**Wednesday 24th July**

Hosts : Will & Julia Scott: Visit @ 3:00pm

This is a C19th kitchen garden now owned by Julia and William Scott. Overgrown when purchase over 20 years ago it still had fruiting pear, plum and apple trees as well as a hazel walk well over 120 years old. Hidden within the jungle were the remains of an astronomical observatory and a 75 feet Victorian vinery. The first section of this has been restored and the original vine retrained into fruiting life. Using the surprisingly accurate 1886 O.S. plan the garden is now reclaimed with a structured series of paths and growing areas as well as some recent additions including a long hornbeam hedge and a formal pond and water reservoir. This area is surrounded by pleached limes. Seating areas offer varied views across the garden. The garden is a developing and ever-changing series of herb gardens, flower gardens and fruit growing areas. The various herb gardens contain both common and uncommon herbs.



One of the glasshouses, a lean-to affair against the high wall in wood, cast iron and glass, interestingly, has castings with the imprint of McKenzie & Holland on them. Not known for glasshouses, McKenzie & Holland (originally McKenzie, Clunes & Holland) were the foremost manufacturer of signalling equipment in the UK, based at the Vulcan Works, Shrub Hill. Walter Holland became a J.P. for the City and County and was Mayor of Worcester for several years. A portrait of Walter Holland (by Haynes Williams) can be found in the Guildhall at Worcester.

We will ask if Will knows of any owner having connections with the firm.

NOTE there is no parking at the property, so either park around Fort Royal, walk up from town car parks or take a London Rd bus (44, etc.) to top the Fort Royal Hill stop, walk back to Fort Royal Hill itself, walk up it to Rose Terrace (3rd right).

Cost each £5.00 (no extra for non-members)

meet at side gate in wall from 3pm

Walled Garden, Garden Party**Wednesday 24th July****Booking:** places plus non-membersall @ £5.00 each = £.....**Contact name:** Home Tel.....

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Northampton (+76 Derngate) Wednesday 7th August

Guide : Peter Perkins NIAG secretary Coach: from Northwick Rd, Lodges @ 8.30am

Members of the local Northampton Industrial Archaeology Group will take us on a coach tour followed by a short walk into the town centre looking at the factories of the Northampton boot and shoe industry.

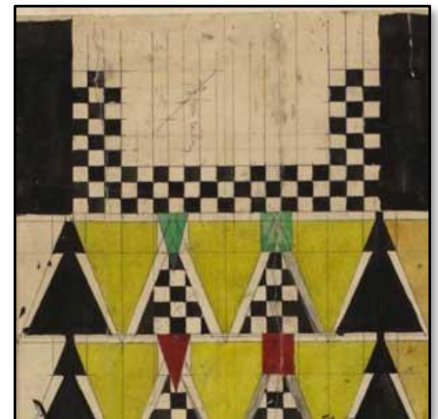
The boot and shoe industry started in Northamptonshire by the Civil War and expanded rapidly in the C19th as mechanisation increased. From a craft industry, undertaken in houses and workshops, factory working became the norm in the main towns of Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Rushden and Daventry, as well as smaller towns and larger villages. The latter half of the C19th saw the development of the typical Victorian streetscape of 2- and 3-storey factory buildings, usually on street corners, set in amongst terraced houses, some of which had shoemakers' workshops in their back yards. There were also associated industries such as leather production and shoe machinery manufacture.



After lunch in the town, we will meet again nearby at **78 Derngate**, which was

famously re-modelled by Charles Rennie Mackintosh

in 1916 for his client, Northampton model engineer, W.J Bassett-Lowke. Purchased for Bassett-Lowke by his father as a wedding present, the house had originally been constructed 100 years previously. It is the stunning interior décor, which is Mackintosh's real contribution to 78 Derngate



We may have time to call past the Weedon Depot, dating back to 1802.

Cost: - £26.00 each (non-members £28.00 ea)

Coach: - from Northwick Rd, Lodges

@ 8.30am

Northampton (+76 Derngate) Wednesday 7th August

Booking: places @ £26each = £.....

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Victorian S. Birmingham**Tuesday 20th August**

Guide: Tim Bridges Coach: from Northwick Rd (Lodges) @ 9.30am

We will peregrinate around the south of Birmingham, subject to traffic and available comfort stops. We will be visiting the districts of Bourneville, Sparkbrook, Edgbaston and Highgate and in addition to the churches Tim will arrange visits to we will pass a number of important Victorian and Arts & Crafts buildings. We hope to include Highbury Hall, the former mansion of Joseph Chamberlain.



The Church of St Agatha (right) was designed by W H Bidlake and was begun in October 1899. It was consecrated by the Bishop of Worcester (in whose diocese this area of Birmingham stood in 1901). It is now a Grade I listed building.

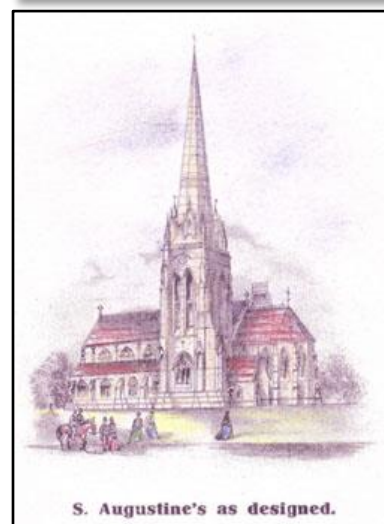
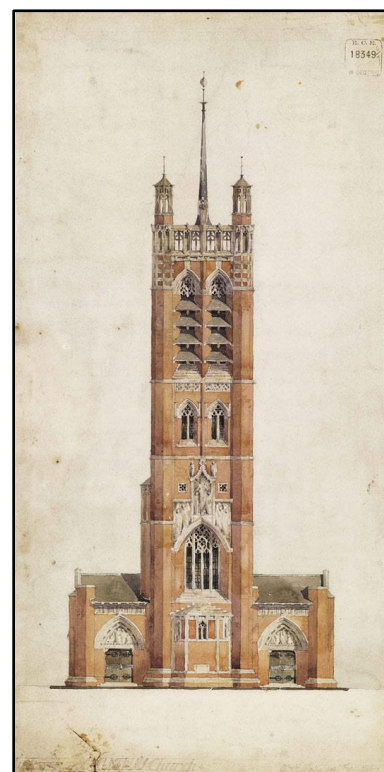
St. Alban (left) was designed by John Loughborough Pearson and built by Shillitoe of Doncaster, begun in 1880 and opened in 1881. The cost was in the region of £20,000 (equivalent to £2m). The patron is Keble College, Oxford.

St. Augustine's was built to a design by J.A Chatwin who was pupil and later assistant to Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament. Julius Alfred Chatwin was the architect of many fine churches and other buildings in Birmingham including the rebuilding of St. Martins (Birmingham Parish Church) and Aston parish church.

Tim is proposing a lunch stop, at one of the churches; a light buffet at £10 each, as a convenient stop. Alternatively, you may bring a picnic.

Cost each will be £20.00 and £22 for non-members, excluding lunch.

Coach departs @ 9.30am from Northwick Rd, The Lodges

**Victorian S. Birmingham****Tuesday 20th August**

Booking: places @ £20 ea = £.....(non-members..... @ £22 ea = £.....)

Booking buffet Lunch places @ £10 ea = £..... **Total Enclosed £.....**

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Clifton, Bristol & Filton

Sunday 1st September

Coach: Northwick Rd, Lodges @ 8.30am

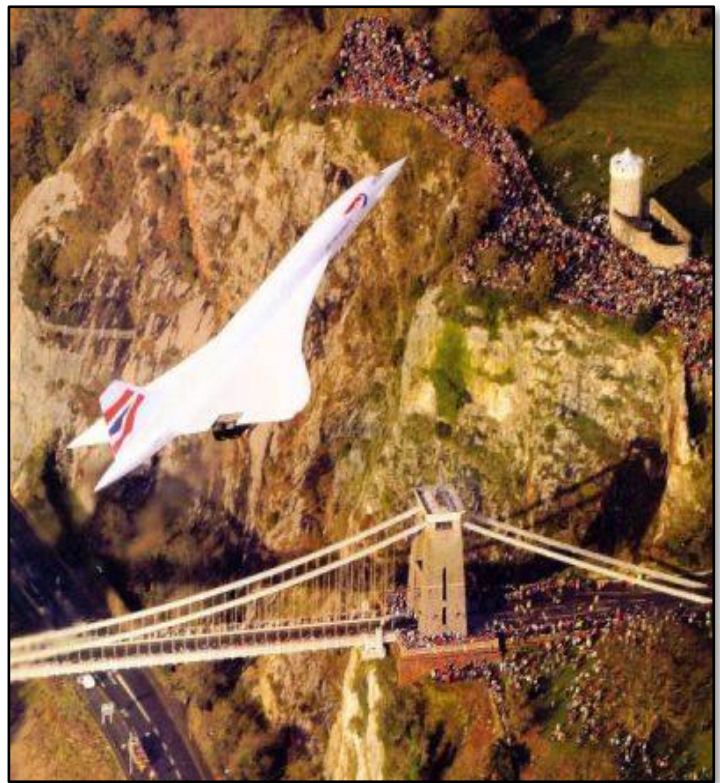
We aim to make a quick journey to Clifton for the Observatory Museum and the Giant's cave (from which you view Clifton Bridge. After coffee we will move a couple of miles to Filton Aerospace Museum, where, if you wish you can take the inside Concord experience (extra £25 charge!).

Clifton Observatory: Dating to 1766 it began life as a windmill for corn and later converted to grinding snuff (tobacco), when it came known as 'The Snuff Mill'. The Mill was left derelict for 52 years following a fire in 1777, when the sails were left turning during a gale causing the equipment to catch light. In 1828 William West, an artist based in Bristol, rented the Observatory as his studio, transforming the old mill into the building we recognise today and also creating the Observatory.



Giant's Cave: West also built a tunnel from the Observatory to St Vincent's Cave (also known as Ghyston's Cave or Giant's Cave), which opens onto St Vincent's Rocks on the cliff face, 250 feet (76 m) above the floor of the Avon gorge and 90 feet (27 m) below the cliff top. The tunnel which is 200 feet (61 m) long, took two years to build at a cost of £1300, and first opened to the public in 1837.

Filton Aerospace Museum: The manufacture of aeroplanes started in 1910, when Sir George White, the owner of Bristol Tramways, established the British and Colonial Aeroplane Company in the maintenance sheds of Bristol Tramways. A small 'flying ground' was set up opposite Fairlawn Avenue in 1911, at the top of Filton Hill. *We depart at 4:45pm.*



Coach: - Northwick Rd, Lodges @ 8.30am

Cost: - £35.00 ea (non-members £37 ea)

Clifton, Bristol & Filton

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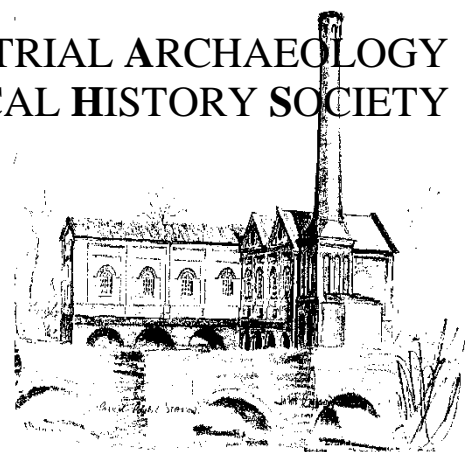
Advance Notice:

WINTER PROGRAMME 2019-2020

All meetings are held on a Friday at the Royal Grammar School (RGS), Worcester in the lecture theatre for a 7.30pm START.

Any Queries or Further Information: -

Phone CHRISTINE SILVESTER 01905 354679



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| September 13 th | Mike Jackson - a Member of WIA&LHS Will give us an illustrated lecture on GREAT EXHIBITIONS |
| October 11 th | Dr. Terry Daniels - Will give us the second part of the lecture he gave us on 19 October 2018. MADE IN OLDBURY Part 2. Industries in North Worcestershire. |
| November 15 th | Richard Churchley - Will speak to us about - ENCLOSURES IN THE ENGLISH MIDLANDS. |
| December 13 th | Richard Bifield - An expert on all things 'Shropshire' will give us a presentation on 'IRON BRIDGE GORGE - THEN AND NOW'. This meeting will be held in the Eld Hall and we will also have mince pies, mulled wine etc. |
| January 17 th | David Morgan - A lifelong railway enthusiast will give us a lecture on - DISCOVERING OUR NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY HERITAGE, |
| February 14 th | Ian Boskett - A train enthusiast and members of Tewkesbury Railway Society - THE ASHCURCH TO TEWKESBURY RAILWAY - You may remember that this ran to the docks on the Severn. |
| March 13 th | A.G.M. - After the meeting - James Dinn - Worcester City Archaeologist will give us a presentation on- 50 BUILDINGS IN WORCESTER James has recently published a book on the subject. |
| April 10 th | Carl Jukes - Conservation Consultant - Carl is a member and was our Conservation Officer. The TITLE OF THE TALK IS YET TO BE FINALISED |