

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Would all those Members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions for this year, please send them as soon as possible to the Membership Secretary, AIA, The Wharfage, Ironbridge, Telford, Salop. It is hoped that this year there will be no need for membership subscription reminders and as this will help the finances of the Society we trust that your subscription renewal will be forthcoming.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN MANCHESTER : INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The College of Adult Education are once again organising a Summer School in Manchester between the 25th and 30th July, 1977. The provisional programme includes an illustrated talk on the Manchester Ship Canal by Dr C T G Boucher and an excursion to the Manchester Docks and Ship Canal led by the same speaker. Other excursions will include the Park Bridge at Ashton under Lyne and Wortley Forge, Sheffield, led by A D George. There will also be an excursion to the Peak Forest Canal and tramway led by D D Brumhead followed by a talk on the industrial archaeology of the Colne Valley. Residential accommodation, if required, will be provided by the Hall of Residence at Manchester Polytechnic and the provisional cost for residents will be £32.50 which includes all meals and lunches plus the Course fee of £5.00. Non-residents will have to pay the Course fee of £5.00 plus an additional cost for transport for both residents and non-residents of about £6.00. To obtain application forms for this Course please contact the Organising Tutor for short courses, Mr D D Brumhead, The College of Adult Education, Cavendish Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BP, Telephone No. 061 273 5335.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

The Leicestershire Museum of Technology forms part of the Leicestershire Museums, Art Galleries and Records Service. It is based on the former Abbey Pumping Station, Corporation Road, Leicester, which handled the bulk of the City's sewage from 1891 to 1964. The original massive beam pumping engines built by the Leicester firm of Gimson and Company are still in place and one of the four has been restored to working order.

While the Museum of Technology came into existence largely because of a desire to preserve the Pumping Station, there is much else besides, and the aim is to create a Museum illustrating Leicestershire's industrial and technological history.

The Museum's specimens include the only steam navy in Britain which is in working order, the most comprehensive collection of knitting machinery in the World, and a large collection of road vehicles. Although the Museum has a small full time staff, it is not nearly large enough to deal with the restoration, operation and maintenance of the entire collection. Much of the work is, therefore, done by volunteers, members of the Leicestershire Museum of Technology Association.

A major task is the cleaning of the Gimson beam engines. Among the other items being restored by members are a 1940 Aveling Barford

diesel roller, a 1939 AEC 'Renown' bus and a 2 ft gauge Simplex petrol locomotive.

Apart from the satisfaction of doing a worthwhile job helping to preserve the Museum's specimens, Membership of the Association confers one or two less strenuous benefits:-

Members have free admission to most Special Events at the Museum. There are opportunities to accompany Museum vehicles on Rallies. Occasional social events, film shows and excursions are organised. A monthly newsletter is issued free to members.

If you are interested in any aspect of industrial history, why not join Leicestershire Museum of Technology Association and do something practical about it? Although people with special skills are particularly welcome, the only essential qualifications are some basic common sense and a willingness to get dirty. Membership costs only £1.00 (50p for those under 18 years) and applications should be made to:-

TREVOR SPAVOLD,
28 WILFRED PLACE,
ASHBY-de-la-ZOUCH,
LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTERSHIRE MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY — STEAM DAYS 1977

10th — 11th April	— Beam Engine
7th — 8th May	— Steam Shovel
5th — 7th June	— Beam Engine
28th — 30th August	— Beam Engine and Steam Shovel
17th — 18th December	— Beam Engine

For further details contact the:-

MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY,
CORPORATION ROAD,
(OFF ABBEY LANE),
LEICESTER.

Telephone: 61330

In Steam 2.00 pm — 5.30 pm each day

ADMISSION:	ADULTS	30p
	CHILDREN	15p
	OAPs	15p

THE MIDLAND CANALS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

A residential summer school is being held at Avoncroft College, Bromsgrove, from July 30th to August 6th. The title of the course sums up the contents which will involve visits to many Midland canal features and will include lectures on the canals themselves and also the canal craft. For further details please write to Avoncroft College, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.