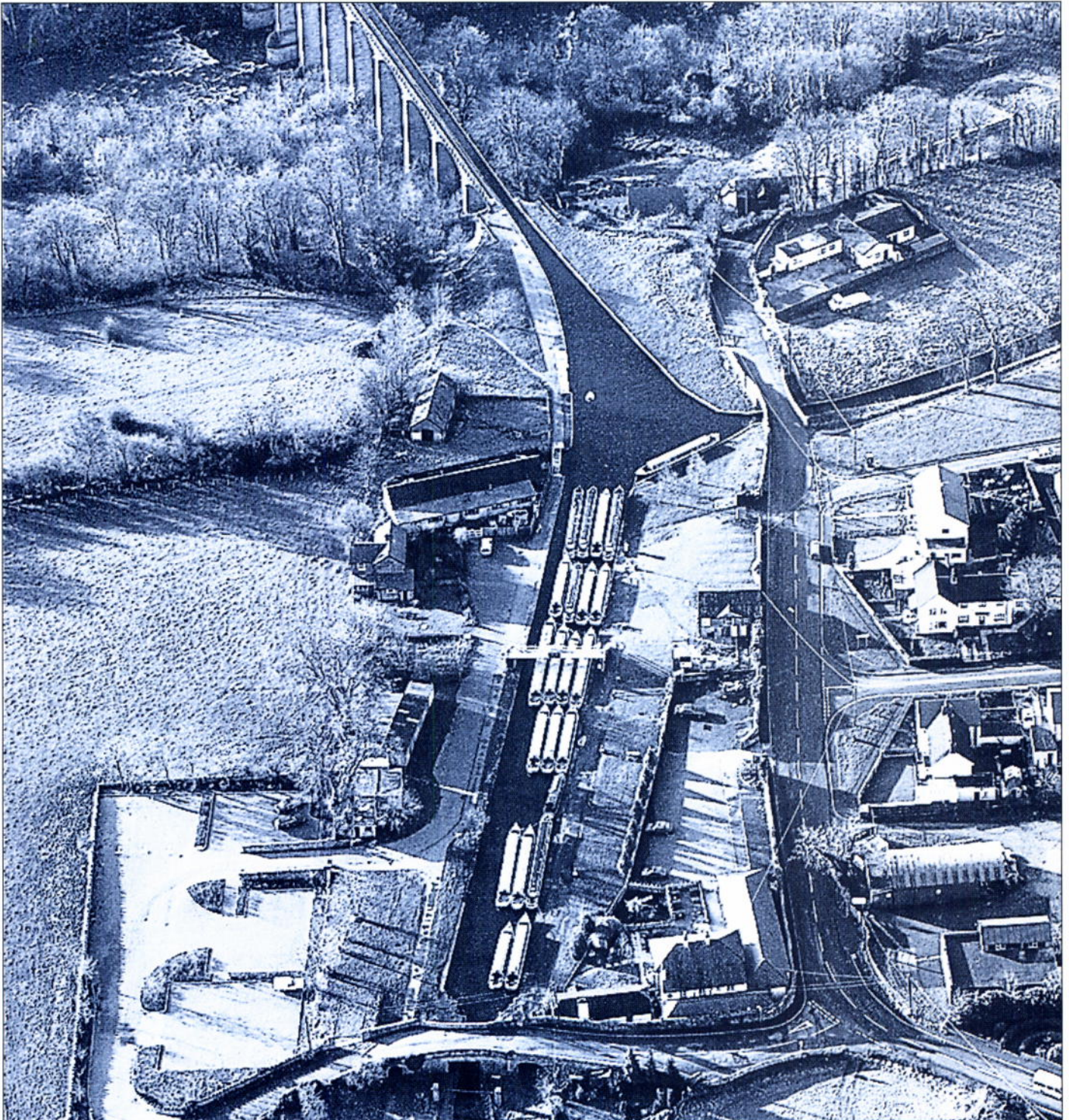


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COVER PICTURE

Aerial view of Thomas Telford's Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, built in 1795-1805 to carry the Llangollen branch of the Ellesmere Canal over the Dee valley. A cast-iron trough 1,007 feet long with 19 spans on stone piers takes the canal 121 feet above the River Dee. When built, this was one of the wonders of the industrial age. The Trevor basin is in the foreground, with the Llangollen arm to the right.

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The AIA welcomes TICCIH 2000

The Association for Industrial Archaeology welcomes delegates from over 30 countries to the Millennium Congress of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage, which is being held from 30 August to 7 September 2000. The Congress will begin at Imperial College, South Kensington, **London**, with four days of lectures, workshops and study visits. Delegates will then have the opportunity to travel on one of three Congress Tours, to **Scotland, Cornwall or Wales**, before reconvening at **Manchester**. Immediately following the Congress, delegates may wish to join the Association for Industrial Archaeology's Annual Conference at Hulme Hall, University of Manchester, with a pre-conference seminar and weekend conference followed by a four-day programme of field visits and evening lectures (booking details on the Diary page).

The Association for Industrial Archaeology is the national organisation for people who share an interest in Britain's industrial past. It brings together people who are researching, recording, preserving and presenting the variety of this country's industrial heritage. The AIA is a valuable forum for amateur groups and professional bodies working in the broad field of industrial archaeology. The annual conference is held at a different venue every year, and consists of a weekend conference complemented by an additional programme of several days of field visits and lectures, usually hosted by a local

society. A gazetteer of industrial archaeology sites in the area of the conference is produced each year for members of the AIA. The annual Ironbridge Weekend includes workshops and discussions on issues and problems common to affiliated societies and professionals. Other seminars are held, and field weeks in Britain and abroad have also been organised for members. The AIA Fieldwork and Recording Awards are presented annually for high standards of survey and interpretation by amateurs and professionals. *ebrsw Industrial Archaeology Review* is published twice a year, and the *Industrial Archaeology News* is a quarterly magazine containing information on current industrial archaeology events and news.

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This special issue of *Industrial Archaeology News* is published as part of the AIA's welcome to TICCIH 2000. It is a departure from the usual layout and news, and has been designed as a pictorial souvenir issue to give a flavour of just some of the industrial archaeology of the five locations to be visited by members of the TICCIH Congress.



Big Pit, Blaenavon, is at the centre of the nominated proposed World Heritage Industrial landscape currently being assessed. The colliery is of international significance because of the extensiveness and completeness of its underground workings which were begun in the 1830s to supply iron ore and coal to the nearby ironworks which also survive relatively intact. See pages 12-13 for Wales.

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