



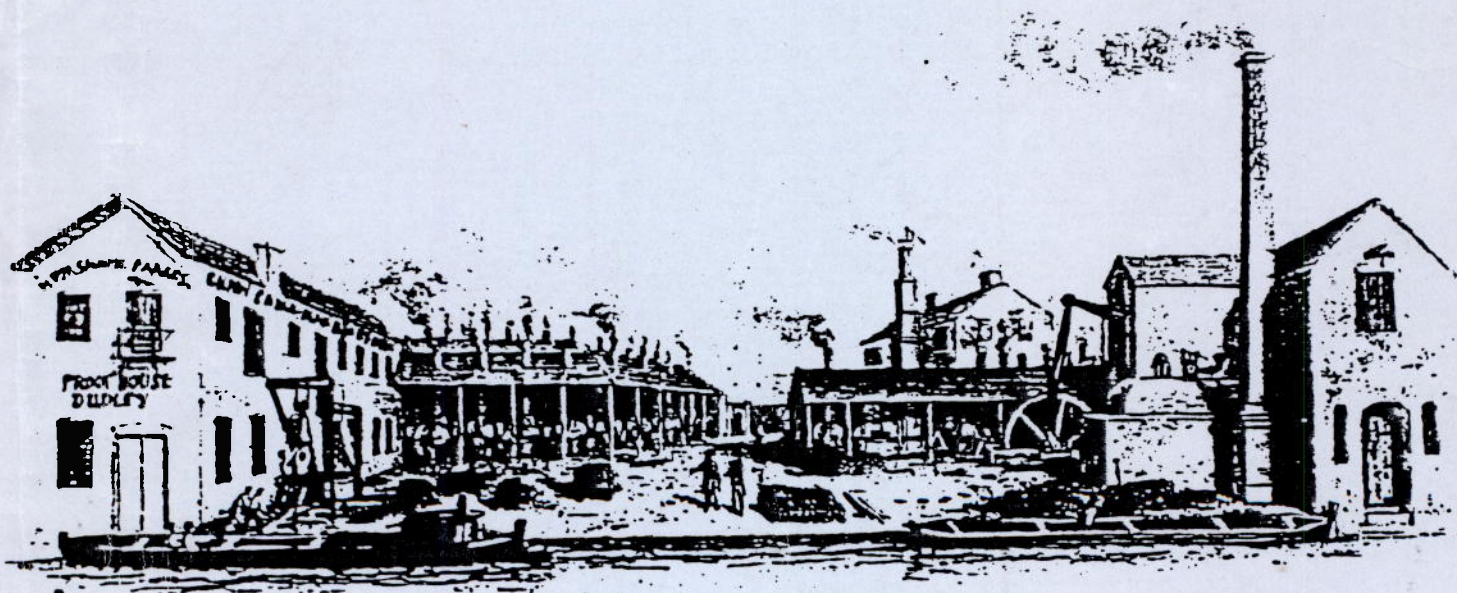
ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

# CONFERENCE

9 - 15 SEPTEMBER 1991

WOLVERHAMPTON POLYTECHNIC  
DUDLEY CAMPUS

PROGRAMME, TOUR NOTES AND  
LIST OF DELEGATES



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On behalf of the Association for Industrial Archaeology, the Black Country Museum and the Black Country Society, welcome to the Dudley Campus of Wolverhampton Polytechnic and the 1991 Annual Conference. The Supplementary Programme has been arranged jointly by the Society and the Museum, and we are grateful to the many companies, groups and individuals who have helped in many ways during the period of preparation.

Conference Secretary (AIA): Janet Graham  
Bookings Secretary: John Fletcher  
Local Organisers: John Crompton, Carol Whittaker

Black Country Society members assisting: Ron Moss, Peter Glews, Paul Collins, Howard Wootton, Vi Wetton

BCS members have pink badge marks, AIA Council members have blue badge marks

#### ACCOMMODATION

Residential Accommodation is in Stafford and Worcester Halls, and in the Annexe between. Conference Registration is at the entrance to Stafford Hall, and will be open as follows:

Monday September 9th: 13.30 - 18.00 (tea available from 15.30)  
Tuesday to Thursday, 10th - 12th: 16.30 - 18.00  
Friday September 13th: 13.30 - 17.30 (tea in Union Building 15.30)

Delegates arriving at other times should collect their room key from Central Reception, which is in A Block.

#### FOOD AND DRINK

All meals will be taken in the East Refectory, which adjoins the Union Building, the venue for all major Conference events. Meal times are:

Breakfast: 07.45 to 08.45

Lunch during the week - see programme. A packed lunch will be provided on Thursday

Lunch: 12.45 (Saturday and Sunday)

Dinner: 18.00 (except Saturday)

Conference Dinner: 19.00 (Saturday)

The Reception preceding the Conference Dinner is hosted by the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley and will be attended by the Leader of the Council.

Tea will be served from 15.30 on Monday in Stafford Hall, and from 15.30 on Friday in the Buttery, adjacent to the Union room and display locations. Moring coffee and tea on Saturday and Sunday will be served in the Buttery, which is adjacent to the Refectory

The Bar is adjacent to the Refectory and overlooks the lecture hall. It will be open as shown and shortly before lunch and dinner. DELEGATES ARE REQUESTED TO BE QUIET WHEN LECTURES ARE TAKING PLACE.

#### CLOTHING

Delegates are reminded that, whilst there are no trackless moors to be climbed, factories and canal towpaths require sensible shoes. There will be several occasions when the party is away from the coaches for some time.

**NB: WARM CLOTHING IS ESSENTIAL FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING'S UNDERGROUND TRIP.**

## PROGRAMME

### Monday September 9th

13.30 - 17.30 Arrival and Registration of delegates  
15.30 onwards Tea available in the Lounge

18.00 Dinner

19.00 Lecture - Dr Eric Hopkins 'Industry and Work in Birmingham during the Industrial Revolution' (Chairman: Ron Moss, Black Country Society)

20.15 Bar

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### Tuesday September 10th

07.45 - 08.45 Breakfast

09.00 Coach A departs for the Cradley Heath Chain District and Stourbridge

08.50 Coach B departs for Walsall, Willenhall and Wolverhampton (see Wednesday's programme).

09.20 Arrive at Mushroom Green Hamlet and chainshop

10.15 Coach departs: 10.30 Party A to Griffin-Woodhouse chain works  
10.40 Party B to Joseph Woodhouse chain works  
11.00 Party C to Lloyds chain works

Coaches collect Party A at 11.25, B at 11.35 C at 11.45

12.15 Arrive at the Beacon Hotel, Sedgley for lunch and brewery tour.

13.30 Coach departs Beacon hotel.

13.50 Harris & Pearson Refractory Brickworks

14.20 Stourbridge Canal arm and Foster & Rastrick's New Foundry

15.00 Broadfield House Museum of the Stourbridge Glass Industry

16.00 Ashwood Basin (Staffs & Worcs canal)

16.45 Coach returns to Dudley via Wall Heath and Lower Gornal

17.15 Return to Polytechnic

18.00 Dinner

19.00 Lecture - Colin Knipe 'Coal Mining in the Black Country' (Chairman: Ian Walden, Director, Black Country Museum)

20.30 - 21.30 Archive film footage will be shown by Dr Paul Collins and members of the Stourbridge Film Society. Delegates are welcome to come and go, or watch from the bar (if your eyesight's good!)

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### Wednesday September 11th

07.45 - 08.45. Breakfast

08.50 Coach A departs for Walsall, Willenhall and Wolverhampton

09.00 Coach B departs for the Cradley Heath Chain District and Stourbridge (see Tuesday's programme).

09.20 Party A arrives at Sedgewick's curriers

09.30 Party B arrives at Whitehouse Cox leathersgoods

09.30 Party C arrives at Strand leathersgoods

09.40 Party D arrives at Hooper & Hucker curriers (Tuesday only) or Jabez Cliff saddlers (Wednesday only)

Coach collects Party A at 10.15, Parties B and C at 10.25, Party D at 10.40, and proceeds to Willenhall

11.05 Party A arrives at Josiah Parkes (Union Locks)

Wednesday September 11th (continued)

- 11.15 Party B arrives at Guardian Locks  
12.30 Lunch at The Brewer's Droop, Willenhall  
13.30 Coach departs for Wolverhampton  
13.45 Photostop at former Henry Meadows Works, Cannock Road  
14.05 Visit to former Clyno Motor Works  
14.30 Visit to former Chubb Locks building  
15.00 Short walk and visit to Wolverhampton Low Level Station  
15.45 Visit former Star Motor Works (now a foundry)  
16.15 Former Sunbeam Motor Factory and C A Villiers engine works  
17.00 Depart for Black Country Museum
- 17.30 Coaches A and B arrive at Black Country Museum. Delegates may visit the 'Into the Thick' mine experience, the (working) replica Newcomen engine, and the hand-fed mill which will be rolling squares between 18.30 and 19.00.
- 19.30 Embark from Dudley Canal Towpath for journey into the limestone mines, followed by traditional Black Country food and entertainment in a unique underground setting.
- 22.30 Coaches return to Polytechnic.

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Thursday September 12th

- 07.45 - 08.45. Breakfast
- 9.00 Two coaches depart Polytechnic for the middle Severn Valley  
9.40 Arrive at Churchill Forge  
10.30 Depart for Kidderminster  
11.00 Visit to Brinton's Carpet Factory, Kidderminster  
11.45 Depart for Stourport  
12.00 Guided walk of canal basins and riverside  
**A packed lunch is provided**  
13.30 Depart for Bewdley  
14.25 Train on the Severn Valley Railway for Bridgenorth.  
15.10 Brief tour of Severn Valley engine yard  
15.30 Depart Bridgnorth  
16.00 Arrive at The Bratch Pumping Station and Locks  
16.50 Depart for return to Dudley  
17.15 Return to Polytechnic
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.00 Lecture - Peter Wakelin 'Trade on the River Severn' (Chairman: Malcolm Wanklyn, Wolverhampton Polytechnic.)  
20.30 IA Recordings will show a selection from the videos they have recorded of the Black Country at work. The bar will be available from 20.15.

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Friday September 13th

- 07.45 - 08.45 Breakfast
- 08.50 Two coaches depart for Birmingham  
09.30 Party A visits Jewellery Discovery Centre. Party B begins Guided Walk through the Jewellery Quarter.  
10.25 Party B leaves for Guided Walk through the Jewellery Quarter. Party A arrives at Jewellery Discovery Centre.  
11.15 Both parties arrive at top of Farmer's Bridge Locks to embark for a

Friday September 13th (continued)

- canal journey along the Birmingham Canal to Smethwick (Lunch on board).
- 13.30 Disembark at Brasshouse Bridge, Galton Valley.
- 14.00 Commence walk down Smethwick Locks (Party A moving ahead).
- 14.25 Party A arrives at site of Smethwick engine (Party B still at Engine Arm Aqueduct)
- 14.50 Party B arrives at site of Smethwick engine (Party A will have time to return to Engine Arm Aqueduct)
- 15.15 Depart for brief visit to gateway of Soho Foundry, leaving there at 15.45
- 16.00 Arrive at Birmingham Science Museum for special steaming of the Smethwick engine.
- 16.40 Depart for Polytechnic to join delegates to main conference

Consecutive arrangements:

- 13.30 - 18.00 Registration and erection of stands.
- 15.30 onwards: tea available in the Buttery
- 15.30 Meeting of Members' Services Committee
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.00 Opening of main conference and welcome - Ian Walden OBE (Black Country Museum) and Ron Moss (Black Country Society IA Group)
- 19.15 Lecture: John Crompton, 'Industry and Archaeology in the West Midland Iron District'
- 20.30 Members' Forum
- 21.15 Meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee
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Saturday September 14th

- 07.45 - 08.45 Breakfast
- 09.00 - 10.30 Members contributions
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee and bookstalls
- 11.00 - 11.25 Ron Moss, 'Black Country Chain'
- 11.30 - 11.55 Roger Dodsworth, 'Stourbridge Glass'
- 12.00 - 12.25 Mike Glasson, 'Walsall's Leather Trades'
- 12.45 Lunch (buffet)
- 13.45 Excursions:
- A: Mushroom Green and the Cradley chain district
- B: Stuart Crystal Glass Museum, Wordsley Canal locks, Cobbs Engine
- C: Walsall Leather Centre and the National Lock Museum, Willenhall
- 17.15 Arrive at Polytechnic
- 18.30 Reception by courtesy of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (Cllr F Hunt, Leader of the Council)
- 19.00 Conference Dinner and Award Presentations.
- 21.00 Member's contributions (continued), and Bar

PLEASE ALLOW MEMBERS TO BE HEARD DURING THIS PERIOD