

#### THE ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY

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The Association for Preservation Technology is particularly concerned with the techniques and methods used in the restoration of buildings and other artifacts. Its bulletin contains many useful articles and comments on current practice and its excellent journal is a must for all those engaged in conservation work. The bulletin also contains details of positions available and candidates eligible for appointment and resumé of conferences and seminars in the conservation field. Its extensive bibliographies and notes are well worth reading.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ARCHITECTURE IN CANADA

This Society, although mainly concerned with conventional architecture in Canada also produces publications of industrial Archaeological interest. It is possible to obtain a publications list from the Society at Box 2935, Station D, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5W9.

#### EXETER INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Bulletin 18 of the Exeter Group contains details of a most interesting series of lectures which run from mid-January until the end of March. These lectures held at the University Building, Gandy Street, were on Tuesday evenings and members of the IA Group could attend for a reduced price of 70p. The Bulletin continues the record of roadside stones in Devon which has been published in previous Bulletins, there are also requests for information on brick making in Somerset and reviews of the AIA Conference in Southampton. For those interested in joining this Group further information can be obtained from Professor W E Minchinton at the University of Exeter.

#### CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

The proceedings of a meeting on 'The History of Steam Power in the North East' held in Middlesbrough in March, 1976 has just been published in Number 6 of THE CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGIST. Four articles cover the various aspects of steam power and include . . . 'From Mining to the Stars: or How National Pride led to a Fundamental Theory', 'Thomas Hawksley and the Steam Powered Water Pumping Stations of the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company', 'A History of Early Blowing

Engines in the North East of England and of the development of the 'Cleveland' Blowing Engine'; 'Steam Utilisation in Electric Power Generation': 'A Survey of Historical Development in the North East of England'. This booklet is now available price £1.14 (including postage and packing) from A Shayler, 44 Zetland Road, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 3QD.

#### WLIAS

The December journal of the West London Industrial Archaeological Society published in December 1976, contains useful articles on the railways and tramways of the Isle of Man and also an account of a visit to Sapperton on the Thames and Severn Canal. This latter account describes the restoration work taking place and also the ways in which the abandoned canal has been destroyed by various people and organisations. Although the Society obviously operates on a shoestring, which is reflected by their Journal; there is a great deal of effort put into this publication, and the brave attempts at illustrations are well worthwhile. The booklet is available from M A Stimpson, NB 'Spirit of '84,' c/o Sunny Bank Road, Potters Barr, Hertfordshire, EN6 2NL.

#### BIAS

The Bristol Industrial Archaeological Society continues to hold a full programme of lectures based on the Museum. For further details of the Society please contact Bristol City Museum, Queens Road, Bristol BS8 1RL. The lecture programme has recently included talks on the building of Tower Bridge, London, Bristol's water supply since 1846 and New Lanark Mills. There will also be an extensive programme of visits during the summer starting with the BIAS dig at Mells, Somerset and St Annes Board Mills. 1977 is the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Society and plans to celebrate this include an exhibition at the Central Library. A conference featuring Bristol Docks will be held during the weekend 30th September to the 2nd of October and a series of public walks will be guided by BIAS members in order to indicate the industrial archaeological remains of the central area.

#### SOUTHAMPTON INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Probably the most active University Industrial Archaeology Group is centred on Southampton, the Secretary being Miss Lena Ferguson 20 Atherley Road, Shirley, Southampton, S01 5DQ. Their most recent bulletin produced during December 1976 includes many short articles on IA projects. There is also a longer article on Papplewick and a mention of the history of Southampton trams. One of the most interesting features of the group is the long visits which they pay to IA projects up and down the country and the last bulletin