



*Promoting the study and appreciation of industrial archaeology*

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Dear Member

### **AIA Annual Conference, Nottingham**

Since the winter edition of Industrial Archaeology News went to print the AIA has reluctantly had to withdraw its assistance and management from the Caithness Conference which is being organised by Mark Watson and Jenny Bruce. As a consequence it has been decided to extend the Member's weekend in September to incorporate tours on Monday, Tuesday and a half day Wednesday.

This conference will be held on the very spacious campus of Nottingham University and is being organised by Marilyn Palmer and David Ingham who ran the most successful conference last year at Moulton College. The programme will commence on Friday with a seminar organised by Mike Nevell and David Ingham, with the title 'Steaming ahead', which will consider the Researching of Industrial Archaeology and Heritage in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The formal conference will commence on Friday evening, with a lecture on the East Midlands by Marilyn Palmer. On Saturday there will be four lectures on local IA in the morning followed, after lunch, by the presentations of and to the award winners. As is usual there will be an opportunity for members to make short contributions and early notification that delegates wish to make such contributions would be helpful and these will be taken on a first come basis. Those wishing to give a presentation should write or email me giving the title of the presentation and brief details. There will be a formal conference dinner on Saturday evening.

On Sunday there will be the AGM followed by the Rolt lecture, by Geoffrey Stell on 'Science and Engineering at War: Scapa Flow 1939-45'. On Sunday afternoon, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning there will be a choice of coach trips to sites of IA interest. The final evening of the conference includes a wine reception at the University's Archaeology Museum and Art Gallery in the attractive Lakeside complex.

As is normal we have had to give anticipated numbers to book accommodation at the university. Places will be allocated on a first come basis. Once all the places booked have been allocated it may be possible to book further places but this cannot be guaranteed. For this reason early booking is strongly advised.

#### **Delegates should note the terms and conditions**

Visits may involve walking longer distances and/or climbing into places with restricted headroom etc. Delegates, in deciding which tours to apply for, must consider their agility etc. The Association reserves the right to refuse to admit delegates should it be considered that their mobility is not consistent with the nature of the visit. All delegates are reminded that suitable clothing, including stout shoes or boots is regarded as **mandatory**.

**Please note that this information and an online conference booking form and information is on the AIA website: <http://industrial-archaeology.org/conferences/annual-conference/>**

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