



Promoting the study and appreciation of industrial archaeology

Dear Member,

January 2019

AIA Annual Conference 9th – 14th August 2019

This year's conference will be held on the compact site of the Cannington campus of the Bridgwater & Taunton College and is being organised by a large and enthusiastic local team from the Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society led by Peter Daniel. Rooms at the College is basic student accommodation and limited to 102 rooms. All but three bedrooms are en-suite. One block of 25 rooms has larger beds, while a further 5 blocks contain 10 rooms each, the final block has 24 rooms with en-suite and three rooms on the 2nd floor with a shared bathroom. The college provide bed linen only. The AIA will supply towels and soap for use by delegates but delegates should bring any additional toiletries etc. they would wish to have. The campus is within walking distance of the village centre which has a four pubs and shops.

The programme will commence on Friday with a seminar organised by the Somerset Industrial Archaeology Society in conjunction with Mike Nevell, on the topic of "Tourism and Industrial Archaeology and Heritage".

The formal conference will commence on Friday evening, with an introduction lecture on the IA of Somerset. On Saturday there will be four lectures on local IA in the morning followed, after lunch, by the presentations of and to the Association's award winners and members' contributions..

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 they will be taken on a first come basis. Those wishing to give a presentation should **write or email to me** giving the title of the presentation and brief details.

The formal conference dinner on Saturday evening will be held at the Taunton Race Course from which there are stunning views.

On Sunday there will be the AGM followed by the Rolt lecture. This year's lecture will be given by Dr Peter Stanier on the subject of "Landscapes Without Machines, remembering the little things". On Sunday afternoon, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be a choice of coach trips to sites of IA interest. The attached notes will assist delegates in making their choices. There will be evening lectures on Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday evening after dinner at the college there will be the opportunity to partake in the traditional Somerset pub game of skittles.

As described above accommodation at the college is limited and varied. Places will therefore be allocated strictly on a first come basis. Once all the places available have been allocated it will not be possible to accept further residential places. For this reason **early booking is strongly advised**. The college have advised that there will be another conference in the college on Thursday. As a result delegates arriving on Thursday will be allocated rooms not otherwise occupied and will have to pay for the level of catering service required by that conference for that night.

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 book online if possible at <http://industrial-archaeology.org/conferences/annual-conference> where you can also download the programme and terms & conditions of booking.

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