

January 2022

Dear Member

AIA Liverpool weekend 17-19th June 2022.

Following the cancellation of the traditional conference, which was to have been held at Hope University the Association was very grateful to the Merseyside Industrial Heritage Society led by Anna Alexander and Malcolm Verity in providing two morning “virtual” events, comprising very interesting talks. With the easing of restrictions, the Association in conjunction MIHS are planning a weekend of visits and for a formal dinner on the Saturday Night.

Since all members will have received the very extensive guide prepared by members of MIHS all places it is intended to visit will be referenced to by reference to the entries in that guide.

The programme, which is subject to finalisation, will comprise: -

- A. A day touring the dock area of Liverpool, hopefully visiting “The Old Dock” (p30 L1.14), The Royal Albert Dock and associated buildings (pp27-30 L1.10-13) and many other historic docks and warehouses including the sugar silo (p44 L2.4h).
- B. A day on transport commencing with a drive through the Mersey tunnel to the Wirral Transport Museum for a tram ride to the Woodside ferry terminal (p109 W1.18), moving on to the Hooton Park Trust with its Belfast Trusses and historic aircraft and returning via Speke Aerodrome.
- C. A day in St Helens, hopefully visiting Edge Hill on the way.

It is also intended to have an evening tour on foot of the commercial area, finishing at a suitable pub. It may also be that members will be invited to MIHS’s meeting on Thursday evening.

Delegates must be aware that under the current conditions there are likely to be changes to the programme. Numbers will be limited to 48 on the visits so for this reason, **early booking is strongly advised.**

Members are being offered the package as a whole, comprising the three full days of tours and the formal dinner on Saturday night. It is for each delegate to arrange his/her accommodation, evening meals, other than on Saturday and refreshments on the tours.

The Marriott Hotel, where the Saturday dinner will be held is very close to Liverpool Lime Street station. For those who chose to stay there the Association has reserved a limited number of bedrooms. For those staying at the Marriott and who prefer to come by car the hotel can arrange 24-hour parking in the adjacent car park for the reduced cost of £5 for 24 hours.

Delegates are requested and strongly advised to have been vaccinated for Corona virus.

Delegates should note the terms and conditions, which are overleaf.

Visits may involve walking longer distances and/or climbing into places with restricted headroom etc. Delegates, in deciding to do the whole programme, 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 available on the AIA website: - <https://industrial-archaeology.org/conferences/annual-conference/>

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ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY (AIA)
Terms and conditions of booking (TCB) for the AIA Merseyside weekend 2022

1. The fee for the weekend includes three days of tours as outlined in the accompanying letter and the formal dinner on Saturday night at the Marriott Hotel.
2. The above package excludes all overnight accommodation, all meals and refreshments, other than the formal dinner. Delegates must make separate arrangements as they wish.
3. Should there be before or during the Weekend any significant increases in or extensions to the scope of VAT or other new taxation or increases in coach costs due to increases in the cost of fuel, taxes imposed by the government, the organisers reserve the right to increase the fees payable to cover the extra cost.
4. Full payment of all fees must be made at the same time as the application. Applications made after the date from which late booking fees are applicable must be accompanied by the full fee payable plus £25.00 late booking fee. Acceptance of late applications is at the discretion of the Conference Secretary. Until the full fee has been paid no application can be regarded as binding on the AIA.

Payment may be made by electronic transfer using your bank's online facilities to NatWest, 50 Station Road, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5QP **Branch Code: 52-21-63 Account: 29175275** Account Name: Association for Industrial Archaeology **BIC: NWBKGB2L IBAN: GB79 NWBK 5221 6329 1752 75** Using reference: <your surname>

Or by sterling cheque drawn on a UK bank made payable to 'Association for Industrial Archaeology'

5. No refunds can be made for cancellations received after the date from which late booking fees are applicable. For cancellations made in writing prior to that date there will be a sliding scale of refunds based on any charges made by the Marriott Hotel which range from 10-98% of the cost of dinner and room hire. A handling charge of £10.00 will be deducted from refunds. **Delegates are strongly recommended to take out holiday cancellation insurance cover.** The Conference Secretary may waive or vary these conditions and may make refunds at his discretion provided written notice of cancellation has been received.
6. The outline programme is subject to alteration. Should it prove necessary to change or cancel all or part of the weekend the liability of the AIA is limited to returning any monies paid for the affected events or visits if any offered alternative is unacceptable.
7. All bookings will be on a first come first served basis and limited to 48.
8. Please note that it is the responsibility of all delegates to satisfy themselves that they are physically capable of undertaking the visits and to wear suitable clothing and footwear. The organisers reserve the right to exclude from any event or visit any delegate either who is not considered capable of safely completing any visit, or whose clothing or footwear is judged inadequate or unsuitable for the activities planned. Programme notes contain advice as to the amount of walking involved for each visit and further guidance on footwear and clothing will be given in the joining instructions. Delegates should note the advice in the programme notes as to the amount of walking.
9. Applications can only be made for the full package. Special arrangements can only be made in exceptional cases and any requests for such arrangements must be made well in advance of the Weekend to the AIA Conference Secretary.
10. A separate booking form must be completed and signed by each applicant. The completion of the booking form implies assent to these terms and conditions including the express requirements detailed in the accompanying letter on the part of the applicant. Completed photocopies of the Booking Form are acceptable.
11. All monies received in advance of the conference will be held in a separate bank account under the control of an independent trustee who will not release the funds to the AIA until the weekend has been successfully concluded.
12. Should there be any complaint against the AIA for failure to provide the weekend as described then such complaint must be made to the Secretary of the AIA within 14 (fourteen) days of the end of the weekend. Any complaint or claim made thereafter may not be covered by the security of payment provisions.
13. These terms together with booking form and the Conference Secretary's letter dated January 2022, which includes the outline programme, comprise the package being offered by the AIA.

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