



INDUSTRIAL & TRANSPORT HISTORY DAY

The Windsor Boys' School, Windsor – 21st April 2018

Berkshire Industrial Archaeology Group (www.biag.org.uk)

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Making our heritage live

The Berkshire Industrial Archaeology Group invites anyone interested in industrial and transport history to join us at a conference at The Windsor Boys' School, Windsor on Saturday 21st April.

The conference features six talks, many with a local flavour, and includes an opportunity to visit a local industrial site. The talks are:

- **The Miles Aircraft Factory** by **Ken Fostekew**, Curator, Museum of Berkshire Aviation. Woodley airfield played a notable part in the early growth of civil aviation and aircraft were built there from 1932 to the early 1960's
- **Illustrating Catalogues: Jabez Hare, Commercial Wood Engraver** by **Martin Andrews**. The talk will focus on the illustration of commercial catalogues in the nineteenth century, including the engravers' working methods.
- **Blotters, Board and Bank Notes** by **Sheila Viner**, Mills Archive Trust. A look at specialist paper making in Berks, Hants and South Bucks.
- **The Hush-Hush Factory at Tubney Wood** by **Rosemary Kitto**. Rosemary will tell us the story of Lord Nuffield's secret WWII gun barrel factory.
- **Preservation of Public Road Transport in the Thames Valley** by **Colin Billington**, Chairman, Thames Valley & Great Western Omnibus Trust. A talk about the Trust's vehicle and archive collection, and its restoration projects.
- **The Slough Industrial Estate and its Railway** by **Jaye Isherwood**. Jaye will chart the history of the Industrial Estate and its transport system.
- The site visits available are:
 - **Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust** – travel by vintage bus or coach to visit the Trust's garage and workshop at Fifield.
 - **Windsor Walking Tour** – go on a guided tour from the School led by members of Slough & Windsor Railway Society, looking mainly at the town's railway infrastructure.
 - **An Archive Transport Film Show** - for those who prefer this to the site visit or walk.

Advance booking is required to be sure of a place. Entry is £15. Hot lunches are available for £12.50 but must be booked by 16th April.

Registration is from 9:00am and the conference starts at 10:00am and finishes at about 4:45pm. The visit, walk and film show end at about 6.30pm.

Further details, including a booking form, are on the website www.biag.org.uk, or contact Graham Smith on 01635 580356 or email Secretary@biag.org.uk

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Notes:

The South East Regional Industrial Archaeology Conference (SERIAC) is an annual one-day conference organised by societies in the south east of England with an interest in industrial history and archaeology. The Conference is open to anyone with an interest in industrial and transport history.

BIAG (www.biag.org.uk) is a group for anyone interested in industrial archaeology, especially those who live or work in Berkshire and its surroundings. The Group aims to encourage a wider appreciation of industrial archaeology and act as a stimulant to the study of the area's industrial heritage. Monthly evening meetings are held in Reading from September to May, and trips are arranged to sites of Industrial Archaeology interest during the summer. It has run a number of preservation projects, the first of note being the restoration of a horse wheel at Grey's Court.

Information on the **Miles Aircraft Factory** and the **Museum of Berkshire Aviation** can be found at <http://www.milesaircraftcollection.co.uk/about.html> and <http://museumofberkshireaviation.co.uk>.

Mills Archive Trust website: <https://millsarchive.org/>

Vital during WWII this article gives more information on the **Hush-Hush gun factory** at Tubney Wood, Oxfordshire <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/tubney-wood-factory-vital-wwii.html>

Thames Valley & Great Western Omnibus Trust website: <http://www.tvagwot.org.uk/index.htm>

Quote:

Peter Trout, Chairman of BIAG, said:

“The Conference is always the height of the year for me. There is always plenty to entertain, inform and stimulate – it's like the magician's hat: you never know what will appear. Indeed, sometimes the ‘dullest’ of titles lead to surprising and rewarding presentations.”

A selection of photographs available for use in publications:

Brunel Bowstring Railway Bridge

Sydney Camm Hawker Hurricane Memorial

Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust – 1927 GWR Omnibus

Windsor & Eton Riverside Station

Windsor & Eton Central Station

Windsor Bridge

Slough Estates No 3 (1924 Leeds-built steam engine restored by the Slough & Windsor Railway Society and now based on the Middleton Railway in Leeds)

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