

Surrey Industrial History Group Chairman's Report for the year ending 31 March 2017

This is my twelfth annual report as Chairman of the Surrey Industrial History Group.

The first event of the year was, as usual, the South East Region Industrial Archaeology Conference; however this year it was our turn to host the event. We ran the event at Holy Cross Preparatory School in Kingston on 23 April. I am pleased to report that the event was judged a success with over 130 delegates attending the one day conference. I would especially like to thank Jan Spencer for his help in finding the venue etc.

Our AGM was held on 9 July at Painshill Park, when Vice Chairman Pam Taylor presented Michael Gove, the Chief Executive, with the 2016 Conservation Award for work carried out restoring some of the park's many buildings and follies.

The 41st series of Industrial Archaeology Lectures held in Guildford commenced on 27 September with a lecture on "HMS Dreadnought, Admiral Lord Fisher and the Anglo-German Arms Race" by Prof Andrew Lambert of King's College London.

The Thursday morning weekly talks at the Institute in Leatherhead were again organised by John Bourne who ran the meetings and Margaret Levett who arranged the speakers. The talks, held over both the autumn and spring terms, commenced on 6 October with a talk by Richard Mellors on "The Merchant Navy in WWII". Richard, who has given us a number of talks on a maritime theme, also gave the penultimate lecture in the series on "The Development of Containers". The Leatherhead meetings concluded on 23 March with a series of talks given by members of the group. During the spring half-term John Bourne organised an informal visit to Mercedes World which about a dozen people attended.

The Guildford series of lectures finished on 14 March with a lecture on "Eric Lomax - The Railwayman of War and Peace" given by Dr Michael Bailey President of the Stephenson Locomotive Society.

Membership of the group at the last count was 103, made up of 88 ordinary members, 6 Associate, 6 Institutional and 3 honorary; eleven down on last year, however a couple of people have since renewed their subscriptions.

Our Newsletter and website www.sihg.org.uk continue to be the best source for up to date information on group activity and I would like to thank all the members of SIHG, especially my fellow committee members, who have supported the work of the group throughout the year.

Bob Bryson

Surrey Industrial History Group 2017 Conservation Award Presentation and AGM Saturday 15 July 2017

Rural Life Centre, Reeds Road,
Tilford, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2DL

Programme

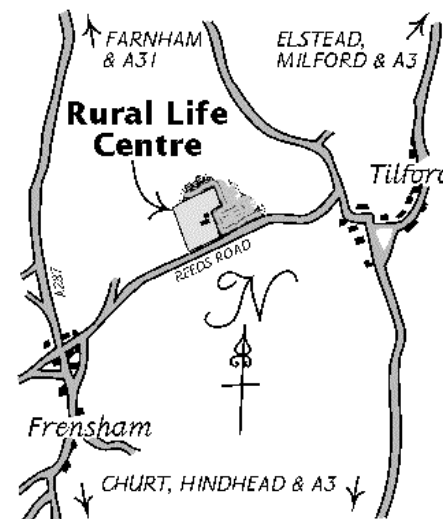
14:00 Meet in the 'Village Hall', a building within the Rural Life Centre.

Presentation of the 2017 SIHG Conservation Award to the Rural Life Centre for the removal and reconstruction of Deek's Cycle Workshop, which came from Frimley Green. Norman Emblow, the volunteer leader of the project, will give us a talk on the venture.

Visit the Cycle Workshop

Surrey Industrial History Group Annual General Meeting.

SIHG members are most welcome to attend the event and will be given **free admittance** to the RLC, and there will be refreshments after the business of the afternoon.



The centre is 3 miles south of Farnham, just off the A287 and midway between Frensham and Tilford villages.

Trunk road access from the A31 at Farnham & A3 at Milford or Hindhead. M3 junction 4. SatNav GU10 2DL.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at Painshill Park, Cobham, Surrey on 9 July 2016

Present: Alan Crocker, Alan Thomas, Bob Bryson (Chairman), Glenys Crocker, Hugh Anscombe (Secretary), Jan Spencer (Newsletter Editor), John Bourne, Mike Rubra, Norma Cox, Pam Taylor (Vice-Chairman & Membership Secretary), Robin Turier.

Apologies for Absence: Margaret Levett, Gerry Adams, Celia Gregory.

Corrections to the AGM Minutes of 11 July 2015: No corrections required.

Chairman's Report: Bob Bryson explained how the SERIAC finances were effectively separate from SIHG finances although SIHG had hosted SERIAC this year. SERIAC made a surplus of £84 but also awarded a £500 bursary resulting in a deficit of £416, so that the SERIAC accumulated fund of £1926 (reduced from £2342) has been passed to Sussex IA Society (who will be organising SERIAC next year). The meeting congratulated the Committee and especially Bob on the successful organising of SERIAC.

Membership Report: Membership for the year was not discussed, but as reported in the Chairman's report the figures are as follows:

97	Full members
8	Institutional members
3	Honorary members
6	Associate members
114	Total

Treasurer's Report: The profit and loss account showed that the subscriptions were continuing to support the cost of the newsletters, so that no increase in subscriptions is necessary. The £769 deficit on the Simmons Diaries resulted from the need to create a sufficient stock in advance of the book launch on 18 July 2015. The value of the unsold stock has been written down to zero. The value of the group is a very healthy at £36,727 as at 31 March 2016. This is invested in financial assets and no additional value is attributed to the stocks of books, plaques or etc. Since 31 March 2016 an amount for gift aid has also been received. SIHG accounts are incorporated into the accounts of the Surrey Archaeological Society, which are examined by Baker Tilly.

Re-election of Officers and Committee:

The following elections and re-elections took place:

Chairman	Robert Bryson
Vice-Chairman	Pam Taylor
Secretary	Hugh Anscombe
Newsletter Editor	Jan Spencer
Committee	Glenys Crocker
SIHG President	Alan Crocker
Committee	Alan Thomas
Committee	John Bourne

Next Meeting of the Committee: It was agreed that unless circumstances changed between now and 15 August 2016 the next meeting of the Committee which had been planned for 15 August 2016 would be cancelled and the next committee meeting would therefore be 3 October 2016.

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**Annual General Meeting: from 2:00 pm on 15 July 2017
at the Rural Life Centre, Tilford, Surrey**

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 9 July 2016
3. Chairman's Report for the year ending 31 March 2017
4. Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 March 2017
5. Committee Nominations for Election:

Chairman	Robert Bryson
Vice-Chairman	Pam Taylor
Secretary	Hugh Anscombe
Treasurer	(Vacant)
Newsletter Editor	Jan Spencer

Margaret Levett retires in rotation after three years' service. She offers herself for re-election and is nominated by the Committee. Gerry Moss retires in rotation after three years' service. He offers himself for re-election and is nominated by the Committee.

Other nominations for Officers or Committee Members are invited, and should be sent to the Secretary not later than 25 June 2017, and must bear the names of the proposer and seconder and the signature of the nominee indicating willingness to serve.

6. Any other business

Any resolution proposed under this heading should be notified to the Secretary not later than 2 July 2017.

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