



NORFOLK INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

NOTES FOR SPEAKERS AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

THE SOCIETY

We are a friendly amateur Society, established in 1971. We have about 100 members. Attendance at meetings ranges from about 20 to 30 members. Our membership profile is the same as many similar Societies.

The Society is a member of the National bodies The Association for Industrial Archaeology and The Council for British Archaeology.

We are brought together by a common desire to find out more of the history and archaeology of the past 250 years since the industrial revolution. Whilst some members have a particular interest in industry and engineering we cover a wide area of social and economic activities. Most members have a general interest in the past and our talks sometimes stray somewhat from our core interest.

Speakers can be assured a warm welcome. We fully understand many of our speakers are unused to speaking even to a small group such as ours. Indeed we particularly value such speakers who often give us knowledge unobtainable elsewhere.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY?

Well today it is really about the physical remains and history of man's activities for the past 250 years. To some the manufacture and making of goods, and the buildings and machines used. Machines require a motive power, and industrial archaeology certainly includes wind and watermills, as well as steam and oil engines and the electric motor.

Goods have to be transported, and so roads, rivers, canals and railways are included. From turnpike roads to railways including industrial railways.

There are of course the extractive industries, no coal mines in Norfolk, but

everything from neolithic flint mines, the medieval peat diggings that became the Norfolk Broads, major sand quarries, the first major forest plantations for timber around Thetford and of course the North sea gas fields. Extensive chalk workings to make lime, many brick fields and now concrete block manufacture.

And underpinning much of Norfolk's economy is agriculture. Large 19th century farms and even larger 20th century ones. Norfolk was home until the 1960's of a major fishing industry, and there is still an important inshore industry.

We must also include the people who worked in these industries. Their housing, the shops, pubs, churches and chapels, all form part of the fabric of society that our members are interested in.

Things don't have to be particularly old for us to be interested in them. It also comes as a surprise to some, but it is rare for us to excavate something. We are more likely to record buildings, machinery and processes, and undertake historical research.

MEETING FORMAT

Our meetings are fairly informal affairs. They normally start with a few announcements, notices and such like.

The speaker would then be introduced to give the presentation in whatever way they wish. There is no prescribed format - varying from a collection of anecdotes to a more formal presentation of a paper. The speaker may sit or stand, whichever they find most comfortable. Normally, if it is alright with the speaker, there will be questions at the end. The length of a presentation should be from about 50 minutes to a maximum of an hour and 20 minutes. Many aim for about an hour.

Afterwards there is coffee and tea, and time for some informal discussion. which the speaker may wish to join in with. Where appropriate there can be the display of material for members to inspect.

The speaker is most welcome to join us afterwards, as a guest, for a drink in a nearby public house.

VENUE

Most speakers find parking at St Andrews' Car park best. There is a large area of disabled parking alongside the entrance/exit lane area. It is a short walk (100 metres) to the venue.

The talks are held in the Stanley Cooper Room at the Charing Cross Centre, 17-19 St. John Maddermarket, Norwich. NR2 1DN . This is right in the centre of the City of Norwich. (See back page)

All meetings start at 7.30pm on the FIRST Thursday of the month. Admission is free, and open to the general public. Speakers are welcome to bring guests.

The room is available from 7pm, the site has a caretaker, and usually someone from the Society will be about from 7.10pm. If you would like a member to help you set up earlier please let us know.

The room is on the first floor. It has full access including a lift and toilets close by. The room has flexible seating and can be darkened for projection. It is square in shape and can hold about 50 people.

FACILITIES

We can provide most facilities, however **equipment needs to be booked in advance** as we don't keep everything at the venue; so please let us know beforehand. Our members will help with setting everything up.

There is a wall screen. We can provide slide projectors, digital projectors, lap top computer with standard "Windows" software (including office 2007), overhead projector, video and DVD players, stands for projectors and flip charts. Video's or DVD's can be projected onto a large screen with a digital projector as can objects via a video camera.

We can provide a microphone and sound system.

There are tables available for the display of items and room for a display stand.

HELP CARRYING EQUIPMENT

It is possible to stop to unload equipment outside the building, and we can provide help if requested in advance with carrying equipment from outside or the nearby St. Andrews Carpark. Note that access St. John Maddermarket is somewhat complex due to the one way system and narrow pedestrianised roads.

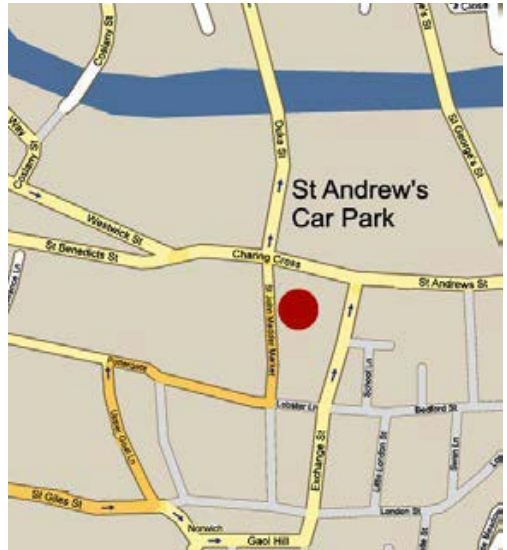
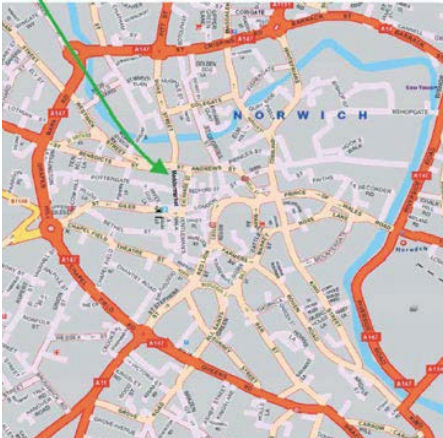
EXPENSES and SPEAKERS FEES

Naturally we will pay reasonable traveling expenses and any fees agreed. As a small Society it helps us if you can give some idea of these in advance. Our Treasurer can usually pay you on the night.

OTHER HELP

We can assist with the preparation of a talk, including help scanning or preparing images for projection. slides (film or digital) or other visual material. Please discuss this with us as soon as possible. We have assisted speakers to put together a talk that they then have to use on other occasions.

Location of the Charing Cross Centre



In the centre of Norwich

The green arrow and Red Spot is location of Charing Cross Centre, the photograph shows the building exterior.

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Parking

We recommend the nearby
St Andrew's Carpark which is CCTV
monitored and reasonably secure.
The car park entrance is on Duke
Street.

It is possible to stop to drop off outside
the building if you have very heavy items,
please let us know so we can provide
assistance. Access is difficult, best via St
Giles' Street, Upper Goat Lane (Narrow
access only for loading), Pottergate
(Pedestrianised and metal posts and
Maddermarket (past church, turn left in
front of pub, stop alongside high wall.