

Norman Engineering. There have been some useful e-mail exchanges recently concerning a company named Norman Engineering, a firm initially located in Upper Grove Street in Leamington Spa, before they moved to Millers Road in Warwick in 1936. Among other things, they made portable petrol engine driven generator sets for the military during the Second World War. Thanks to information supplied by Tony McGuire we now know they made much more; including components for several of the minor aero-engine manufacturers such as Pobjoys and Cirrus-Hermes. They also seem to have made airframe components, including machined tube end attachment fittings, similar to those used in aero engine bearers.

John Willock 30th December 2020

Kenilworth Scooter. Jon Tait, a member of the Vintage Motorcycle Club, reminds us of the following: *"I'm a member of the Vintage Motorcycle Club, and was going through a backlog of club journals, I came across this article that may be of interest to you and your members. The Kenilworth scooter itself is interesting, but I was unaware of the Norman Engineering Company, who were in Leamington and supplied the engines. Does anybody know anything more about them? I enclose a scanned copy of the article. Please feel free to distribute it, as appropriate."*

I am happy to pass this on with grateful thanks to Jon and the Vintage Motorcycle Club.
Martin Green 29th December 2020

[Click here to view the article](#)

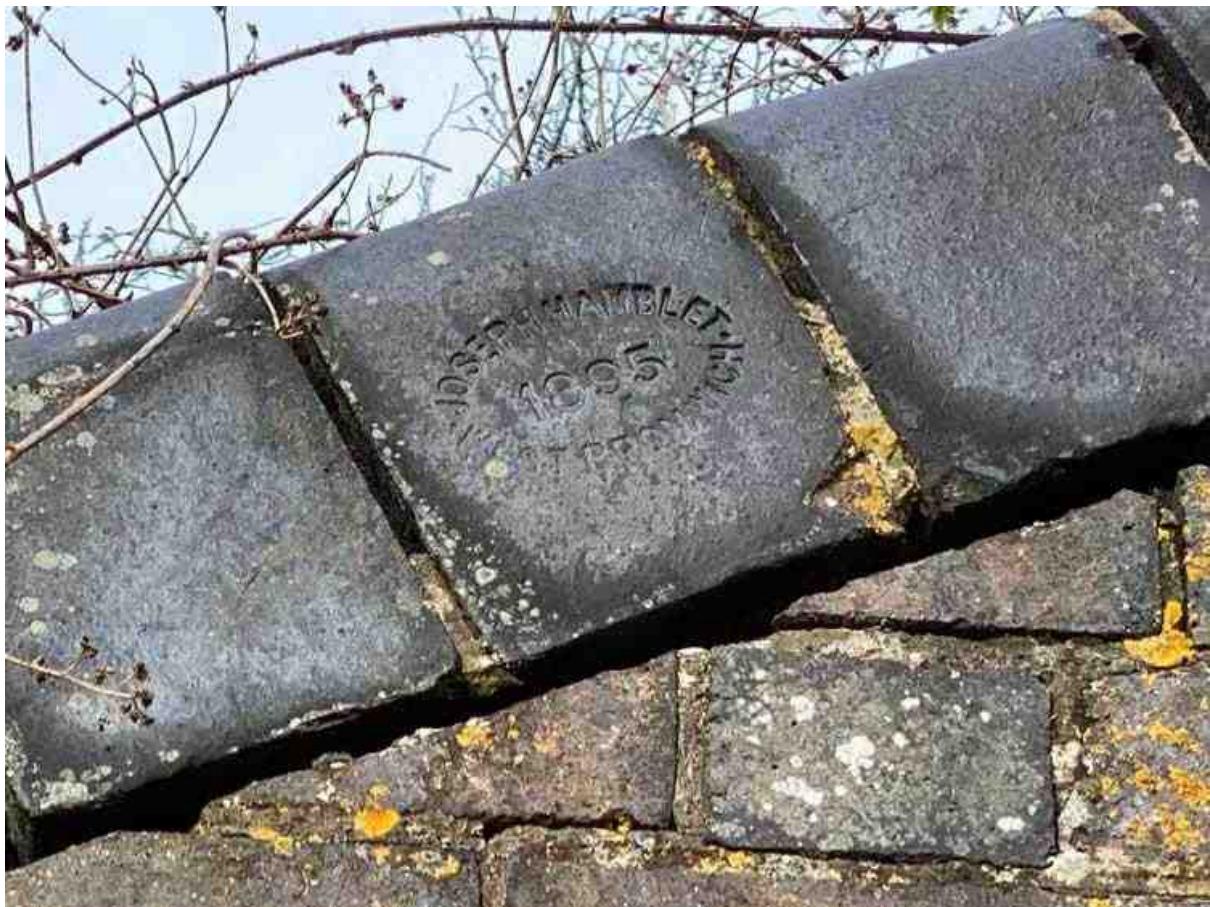
More Great Central. Thanks to Chris Barney who follows up Roger Cleal's story of walking through the Catesby Tunnel, but with a slightly more disconcerting tale!

"My experience of the tunnel was somewhat different. In 1975 or '76 some friends were staying with us and they, as we, had a 7 year old son. It was a beautifully sunny Sunday afternoon and I had the idea to walk through Catesby Tunnel. Our respective wives dropped us near the South end and drove around taking the even younger children to wait for us. I and my friend set off with the two little boys in summer clothes and a couple of torches into the darkness. We were completely unprepared for the thick fog we encountered after about a hundred yards so thick the torches were barely any use at all. We should have turned round but that would have meant a long and devious walk by the lanes to catch up with the rest and of course there were no mobiles, so we kept on. If anything the fog got thicker and as we got further in we came to where they were scrapping up the ballast and so the surface was very rough and at one point I fell flat on my face into a pile of ballast. As you can imagine the seven year olds were beginning to get quite frightened and so keeping them cheerful was another worry. Reciting rhymes and singing was about the best we could do. Then we got cold – we really needed full arctic wear but only had skimpy shirts and shorts on with sandals or the like. It was not good. Three or four times there was ghostly light as we passed under the air shafts. Right in the middle, the strangest thing, we came to a little dozer probably a D4 or a Drott left there by the contractors which we nearly walked into. The mixture of fog and pitch black I shan't forget. It took a long time but finally a faint glimmer ahead cheered us up and after a bit more we came out into the bright sunlight, none the worse but very relieved indeed." 29th December 2020

Great Central Railway. In the midst of unremitting gloom, rest assured that WIAS and its membership will be able to discover glimmers of light. *Roger Cleal* - together with others - has recalled experiencing a trip through Catesby Tunnel, now being converted to an

interesting alternative use. This was as a result of the TV programme 'Walking Britain's Lost Railways' Series 3 Episode 4: the East Midlands, available on My5. This explores the Great Central Railway, which passes for a short stretch through Warwickshire. This is strongly recommended - Roger calls it Compulsory Christmas Viewing! He writes *"We as a cycling group had walked a couple of times with our bikes through the tunnel south to north usually from either Badby or Greens Norton youth hostels. I hadn't appreciated it was 1.7 miles long. My memories are of a very dark, dangerous walk done during my late teens or 20's in the early 1970's with huge holes in the floor and water dripping from the air vents. I'm glad to see it put to some good use. It was a pity the viaduct was after the tunnel in the programme and not in the correct order. In addition, it was a great shame it ended there and did not continue to Marylebone"*. Also highlighted is the quality of the civil engineering and the use of high-quality blue bricks. These structures can be seen throughout the line, and I attach a couple of examples, taken before lockdown near Wolfhampcote. This is where the Great Central crosses the Marton Junction to Weedon Branch of the LNWR almost at right angles. The quality of the Great Central accommodation bridges and tunnels for local farmers is shown, with the name of Joseph Hamblett to the fore.



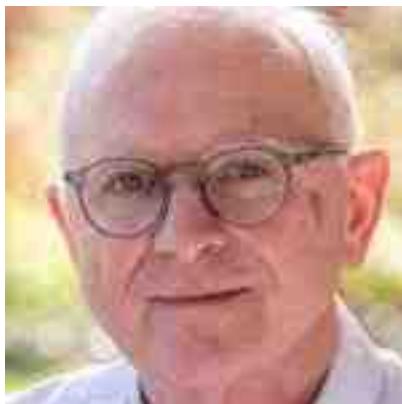


WIAS Members. Just a thought about WIAS members not on the internet. If you know of any of our members/supporters who are without internet access, please call them before Christmas and wish them well and remind them that WIAS is still thriving and hopefully will be back with them as 'live' meetings sometime in 2021. Martin Green 23rd December 2020

Dambuster Programmes on TV. George Illingworth sent the following: "Members who watched those programmes may be interested in the Meccano model I built in 1993 to mark the 50th anniversary. The models still exists, stored in major sections for transport. It is 1/12 scale so 8ft 6in wingspan and contains 9 electric motors to operate functions including the spinning UPKEEP weapon. Building an accurate model in 1993 was not easy as there was still a lot of inaccurate and indeed intentional disinformation about what had been a top secret weapon system. The basic aircraft was straightforward as drawings are readily available but I also drew on many sources including declassified AVRO drawings, published scientific papers and a German intelligence report on the weapon which survived a crash in Holland. It has been very reassuring to see that as more details have been released over recent years the accuracy of the model is there to see." George Illingworth 6th December 2020

Photos of the model

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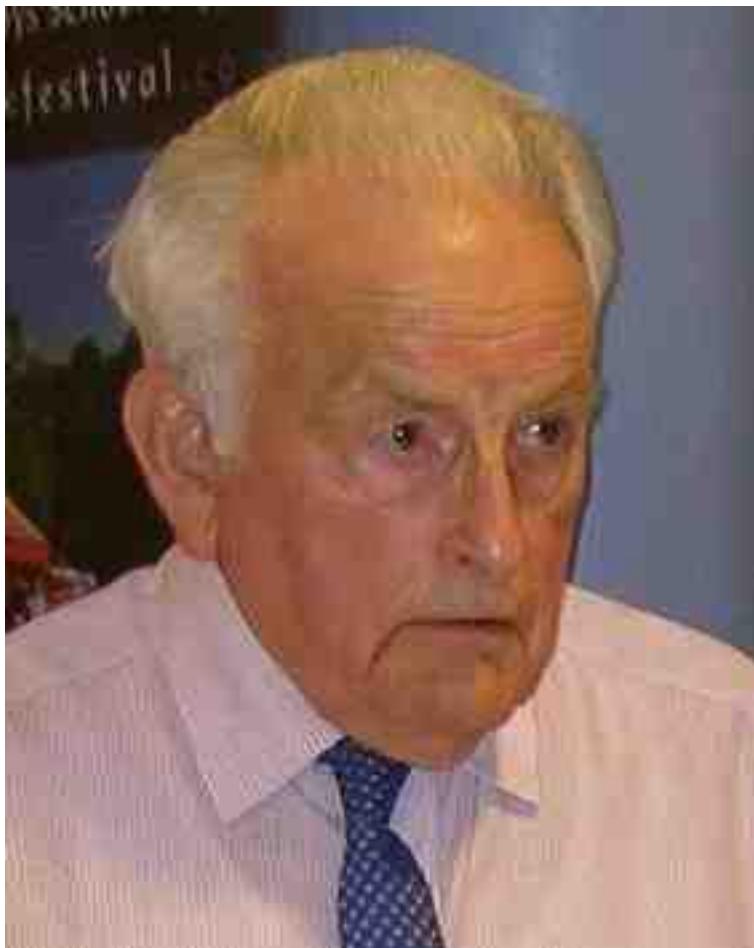


Talk On Sir Frank Whittle - 9th December 2020 Duncan Campbell-Smith will be giving a talk entitled 'Frank Whittle and the Jet Engine' via Zoom at the Rossiter Books virtual literary festival, at 7pm on Wednesday 9th December. Jet Man: The Making and Breaking of Frank Whittle, the Genius behind the Jet Revolution. Duncan Campbell-Smith will talk about his new book, The story of Frank Whittle – RAF pilot, mathematician of genius, inventor of the jet engine and British hero. Drawing on Whittle's extensive private papers, Campbell-Smith tells the story of a stoic and overlooked British hero, a tantalizing tale of 'what might have been'. For tickets and further information, go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rossiterbooks/t-dmndmm>

Paul Waller / Martin Green *6th December 2020*

Death of WIAS member – Derek Billings. It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Derek Billings at 1pm on Tuesday 13th July 2021. He had been admitted to Warwick Hospital as an emergency on Saturday 10th. Derek was one of the most loyal members of WIAS, and his knowledge and photographic collection was unrivalled, he was particularly keen on Railway and Canal subjects for his camera lens. More than this, he was always courteous, helpful, and positive, ever willing to add to the knowledge of others. Our thoughts at this sad time will be with Pat, son Andrew and daughter Sarah. Further information will follow in due course. M Green & J Willock *13th July 2021*

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Ivor Jones. Many WIAS members will remember Ivor Jones who died in 2020. Owing to the Covid-19 regulations the funeral was restricted to a limited number of family members only. Everyone is invited to a Service of Memorial to be held at St Nicholas Church, High Street, Kenilworth at 11am on Tuesday 5th October 2021, to commemorate Ivor's life on what would have been his 94th birthday. The service will be immediately followed by the interment of Ivor's ashes in the churchyard, to which all are also invited, after which the family hope as many people as possible will join them at Bubbenhall village hall for lunch. *7th July 2021*

2020/2021 Subscriptions. The WIAS committee has agreed that no subscriptions will be charged for season 2020-2021, and that for any meetings that are, in the end, able to take place in the Halse Pavilion, it will be a case of pay at the door - £2 donation from members; £3 from guests. Martin Green *11th September 2020*



Death of WIAS member. It is my unfortunate responsibility to pass on the very sad news that Mark Barnard has died. He had been a loyal supporter of WIAS over many years, following an outstanding career in the motor industry, particularly remembered for his association with gas-turbine powered Rover cars. A fuller appreciation is available now at this link, click [here](#).
Martin Green, 4th September 2020

Everyone needs a train journey, even in isolation. In this 8-part video series, Tales from the Tracks, be inspired with the right to relax from the pressures of isolation by drinking in the best views of the West Coast Main Line as it takes you up from London Euston to Glasgow Central, through Rugby, Crewe and the Lake District.

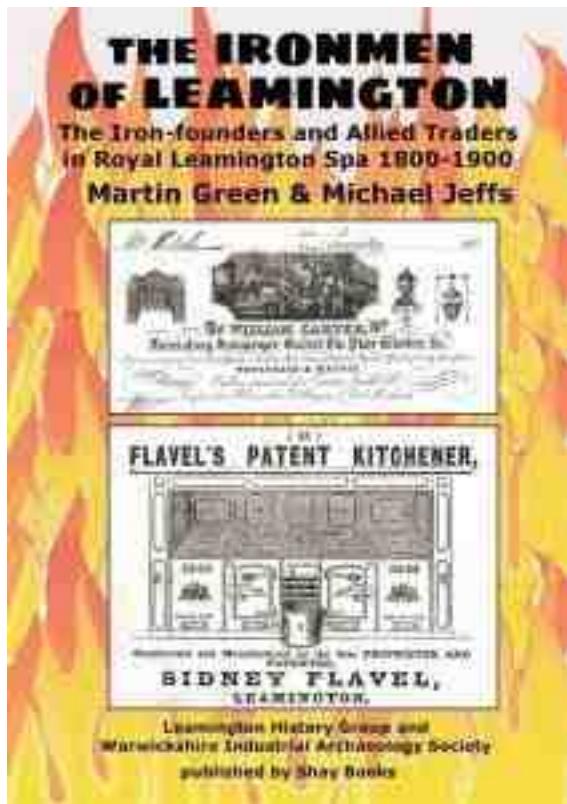
With bright fresh sunshine, blue skies and fluffy clouds adorning the best of the British landscape, this series guides you up the Main Line using a front-mounted digital camera from the driver cab giving you uninterrupted views of the route through the country.

Experienced and characterful Avanti West Coast drivers Dave Egerton and Darran Townsend narrate each journey, bringing to life tales of the train line from past decades - describing railway artefacts and potted human stories associated with the train line - as well as highlighting spots of beauty you can enjoy today.

For nature lovers, the routes have a magnificent array of landscapes to enjoy. From train lines closely flanked by steep shrubbery and trees to routes that pass freely through villages and fields that stretch away into the distance, you'll see every hue of the classic British countryside in summer. 29th August 2020

[Click here to watch the eight films!](#)

Newsletter 70. The latest WIAS Newsletter is now available to read thanks to Mike Hurn, click [here](#). 22nd August 2020



Martin Green and Michael Jeffs, *The Ironmen of Leamington: Iron-founders and allied traders in Royal Leamington Spa 1800-1900*, Leamington History Group and Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society, published by Shay Books, 2019, £18.

Now awarded one of the two Publications Awards being made by the AIA this year.
'The judges were all very impressed by the amount of work undertaken and the great variety of illustrations which you included'.

Congratulations from WIAS

Copies are available through the website - [click here](#) for details.

WIAS & ZOOM. Following on from the cancellation of all meetings at Warwick School for the remainder of 2020, WIAS is planning to present lectures & talks by ZOOM on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm from September. Full details will be circulated nearer the time including detailed instructions on how to join the meeting. If you have a PC, Laptop, Mac, Tablet or Smart Phone that's all you need. The procedure is free of charge, very straight forward and the trials held so far have been extremely successful. *25th June 2020*

I received a note from George Illingworth notifying the postponement of today's HS2 webinar until Wednesday June 3rd., and, perhaps inevitably, a note from AIA that this year's

Conference in Liverpool is postponed until August 2021. The planned 2021 conference in Dublin is postponed until 2022.

We hope we can continue to keep members and friends informed on IA issues, and welcome contributions from all. Sorry not to bring any encouraging news. Stay safe. *Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS, 28th May 202*

Event Postponement: Archaeology webinar about exciting discoveries from our Birmingham Curzon Street site rescheduled to 1pm – 2pm, Wed 3 June

Posted on May 27th 2020 by HS2 in Warwickshire. Unfortunately, we have to postpone tomorrow's planned webinar. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and hope that you are still able to join us next week.

The Archaeology of HS2 – Uncovering the Curzon Street roundhouse, will now be broadcast live from 1pm – 2pm on Wednesday 3 June. All tickets will still be valid for the session on 3 June, so if you have already registered for the session you do not need to register again.

If you have not already registered but are keen to attend, you can still register your interest in attending this online event.

About the event

Hosted by HS2's Historic Environment team, this webinar will focus on the unearthing of what is thought to be the world's oldest railway roundhouse at our Birmingham Curzon Street construction site earlier this year. The webinar will feature **previously unseen photographs, footage and imagery** captured during archaeological excavations earlier this year. You will be able to ask the team questions via a live Q&A chat option.

We will be publishing video recordings of each webinar online, so if you are not able to listen live you can still learn about our archaeological work through a dedicated playlist on the HS2 YouTube channel.

For more information about this event or any of our forthcoming events please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on [08081 434 434](tel:08081434434) or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

Annual Conference 2020 The Association for Industrial Archaeology *Promoting the study, preservation and presentation of Britain's Industrial Heritage*

It will probably come as little surprise that Council have decided we must postpone the Annual Conference this year. The 'good news' is that Hope University Liverpool, the venue for the event, and the local organisers have agreed that we can postpone until the same time next year.

The new dates are: 19th - 26th August 2021. Booking will open in January 2021 - Those who have already booked for 2020 will be refunded in full as soon as possible. The Conference planned for Dublin in 2021 has been postponed until 2022.

Virtual WIAS. You will find a lot of new information and discussions on our 'Virtual WIAS' page. Click [here](#) to visit now. We also have a lot of new articles on our 'Contributions' page, click [here](#), and a selection of films to watch on our new 'Films' page, click [here](#). Plenty to keep the IA enthusiast interested! *19th May 2020*

BTH Coton House - Apprentices Hostel. Can this link be added to the website or otherwise circulated to raise interest ? Another part of the B.T.-H. story. The site is maintained by John Richards, who has personally borne the running costs, but has now decided to give it up. The whole site is less than 33 Mbytes, but there are several Gbytes of scanned material on the DVDRom archive being offered for £3.50. Regards, *Paul Waller, wallerpj@yahoo.com, 22nd April 2020*

[To visit the site before it closes and order a copy of the DVD click on this link - Coton House](#)

Death of WIAS member. Sadly, I have to announce the death of another WIAS member, Bill Lovell. The news was passed to me by Nigel Briggs, and I attach an extract from his message. *"I'm sorry to announce that Bill Lovell, a dear personal friend and a member of WIAS for many years has passed away today 13th April in Warwick Hospital at the age of 90 years and 2 weeks. His death was not Covid-19 related but due to haemorrhaging within his stomach / digestive system. A retired railway man, formerly a manager in the mechanical and electrical department at Tysley Depot in Brum, Bill always looked forward to the meetings and especially the comprehensive write ups in the newsletter. He also enjoyed as a single man the tea with homemade cakes and biscuits. He had lived in Leamington for all his life. Apart from a niece in Switzerland Bill had no other family."* Nigel Briggs. Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS. *13th April 2020*



Ivor Jones

Death of WIAS Member. Sorry to have to add to the general mood of gloom, but I have heard from John Willock that Ivor Jones died this morning in the Leicester House Nursing Home. Ivor, who was 92, died peacefully in his sleep and this was not a Covid 19 death. Ivor was a member of WIAS over a long period, usually attending meetings with Messrs Haggard and Ward. He was for many years European Sales manager for AC Wickman Ltd, Coventry, and was part of a group of friends who shared industrial and railway enthusiasms, and the pleasures of walking. He was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed. Ivor's son Gary has informed John that the intention is to have a Memorial Service for Ivor, probably at St. Nicholas Church, Kenilworth when the Covid 19 crisis is at an end. Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS. *10th April 2020*

Update. This is merely an advisory e-mail to say that Ivor Jones' Funeral will take place at Oakley Wood Crematorium on Monday, April 27th at 2.30 pm. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, this will be a VERY STRICTLY LIMITED FAMILY ATTENDED SERVICE ONLY. I am sure we all will have Ivor in our thoughts at the time of the service and indeed for many years to come. John Willock. *18th April 2020*

TV Viewing. WIAS members maybe interested in a new original TV series. The Architecture The Railways Built with Tim Dunn presenting. It starts on Tuesday 28th April on the Yesterday Channel. He also has various existing videos appearing on YouTube. These are also about railways and might be of interest. Regards, Graham Higgins. *10th April 2020*

AIA Bulletin. I forward the AIA's e-news bulletin. I hope it will be of interest. Hope you have avoided any contact with the dreaded virus. Take no risks. Stay safe. Martin Green, Chairman WIAS. *7th April 2020*

NOTE: This edition has local interest including the discovery of the oldest locomotive roundhouse in the world, discovered as a result of HS2 archaeology digs and more about the future of Chance Brothers Glassworks. [Click here to read the bulletin.](#)

Contributions and Updates. A new page about the history of Cherry Orchard Brickwork's in Kenilworth including a collection of photos taken by WIAS member Derek Billings in 1977 has been added. (The photos are also available in the gallery section under 'The Derek Billings Collection'). There is also another contribution from WIAS member George Sayell about his fascinating research with Differential Analysers. They can be found under the 'Contributions' tab in the main menu. *7th April 2020*



WIAS Members Film Section. To help pass some of the time we have on our hands at the moment a selection of films is being added to the site, mostly with a theme that will have an IA interest. There is a new link in the main menu at the top of each page under the 'Contributions' tab.

The first film has kindly been supplied by Derek Billings. It features a family from the USA enjoying crossing the Atlantic by ocean liner and arriving in the UK at Southampton. The

family then travel on via the GWR to Leamington Spa reaching their eventual destination, a house in Radford Semele. The precise year of the visit is uncertain but from the identity of the ship they arrive on it has to be between 1921 when it was re-named and 1938 when it was sent for scrapping. A guesstimate would be the early 1930's? The film is a delight in that we see steam ships, steam locomotives, views of Leamington Spa, Radford Semele, Warwick Town, Warwick Castle, London, Worcestershire and much more. Look out for some good shots of the streets and vehicles of the period, in particular a Midland Red bus passing through Radford Semele. The journey to see the May blossom in Worcestershire is made in a Rover car which may help identify the year. Eventually there are goodbyes as the family return by train from Leamington Spa to Southampton to board their ship for the journey back to the USA and ultimately we see them arriving back at their home. Sit back and enjoy a time gone by! Webmaster. *4th April 2020*

[CLICK HERE TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE FILMS](#)

TV Viewing. I received an e-mail from John Willock that might be of interest. If you watch the programme "The Repair Shop" featured on BBC1, which has as its theme the restoration of basically anything, the next one to be screened on Wednesday evening at 8.00 pm. may be of particular interest. Alan Reed, rang me a couple of evenings ago to say that a chair that once belonged to his grandparents in occupied France in WWII will be featured in the programme. Perhaps a little light relief from the serious situation that is swirling all around us at the moment! You may wish to disseminate this to a wider audience. Martin Green. *1st April 2020*

Borg and Beck - Clutch Manufacturer. John Willock has contributed a detailed paper on this famous Leamington Spa company and it has been added to our new Warwickshire Industries section. Click [here](#) to visit the page. The Borg and Beck Company was one of the main constituent companies of the large Automotive Products Group, whose headquarters and main manufacturing divisions were situated at Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa, in Warwickshire. Other companies within the Group were the Lockheed Hydraulic Brake Company, Thompson Steering Joints, Purolator Filters Division, later relocated to Bolton, Automatic Gearbox Division, Lockheed Precision Products (Aviation Products) situated at Speke, Liverpool, Competitions Department (AP Racing) and the Spares and Service Division situated at Banbury. Further contributions are always welcome. *30th March 2020*

WIAS News Archive. More items have been added to the WIAS archive which stretches back to 2003! Click [here](#). *30th March 2020*

Death of WIAS Member. I'm afraid I have to pass on the news that Richard Hartree has died. Richard was a great enthusiast for the industrial heritage, and travelled near and far in pursuit of his interests. He was a member of the AIA for many years, performing the role of treasurer for four of those years, and adopted a similar role for WIAS. He passed on these duties to Victor Lobb and moved from the area about six years ago. He gave several presentations to WIAS, including one in 2010 on The Aluminum Works at Banbury 1929-2009, which accompanied the publication of a book on the subject written by Richard. Richard graduated in 1954, from Cambridge in the Natural Sciences tripos with metallurgy as his Part II subject, a long way from today's Materials Science. In the 1970's, he was Director of Alcan's R&D Centre in Banbury. Above all, he was splendid company, genial at all times, and ever-willing to share his knowledge with others. Richard made the journey

from his home in Sibford Ferris, Oxfordshire to most WIAS meetings. Our condolences go to his family. *24th March 2020*

WIAS Meetings Cancelled. Your Committee has decided to cancel all WIAS meetings for the remainder of this season. We shall review the situation in the summer. In the meantime, please use e-mail and the website as your link to the industrial heritage. As I suggested in the Quarterly Newsletter, this could be just the chance to write that article, sort out those photos, or relate those work experiences for the benefit of the WIAS community. Those experiencing both involuntary isolation and bandstand deprivation might like to look at this page on the WIAS website where you will find two fascinating videos about the restoration and manufacture of bandstands. Click [here](#). Most of all, look after yourselves. Best wishes, Martin Green, Chairman WIAS. *17th March 2020*

WIAS Meetings and COVID-19 Virus Update. After agonising over whether to hold last Thursday's meeting, events seem to have moved very rapidly and the Committee have taken the decision to cancel the meeting on Thursday April 9th. 'Bandstands: History, Decline and Revival' by Paul Rabbitts. We have contacted Paul and we are currently working on finding an alternative date next season for him to give his talk. We are currently leaving the May and June meetings as 'under review', and will make a decision as events unfold in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding over these issues. Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS. *15th March 2020*

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SIR FRANK WHITTLE 7.30pm Thursday March 12th 2020

This is to confirm the meeting on March 12th. in the Halse Pavilion, Warwick School at 7.30pm when Ian Whittle will give talk on the Life and Work of his father, Sir Frank Whittle. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear this story of one of the nation's most important aeronautical engineers. Sir Frank has, of course, many local connections, being born in Coventry, enjoying the benefits of an education at Leamington College, and carrying out crucial experiments on the jet engine in Rugby. I feel sure it will be a fascinating evening. All the usual bookstalls and refreshments will be available.

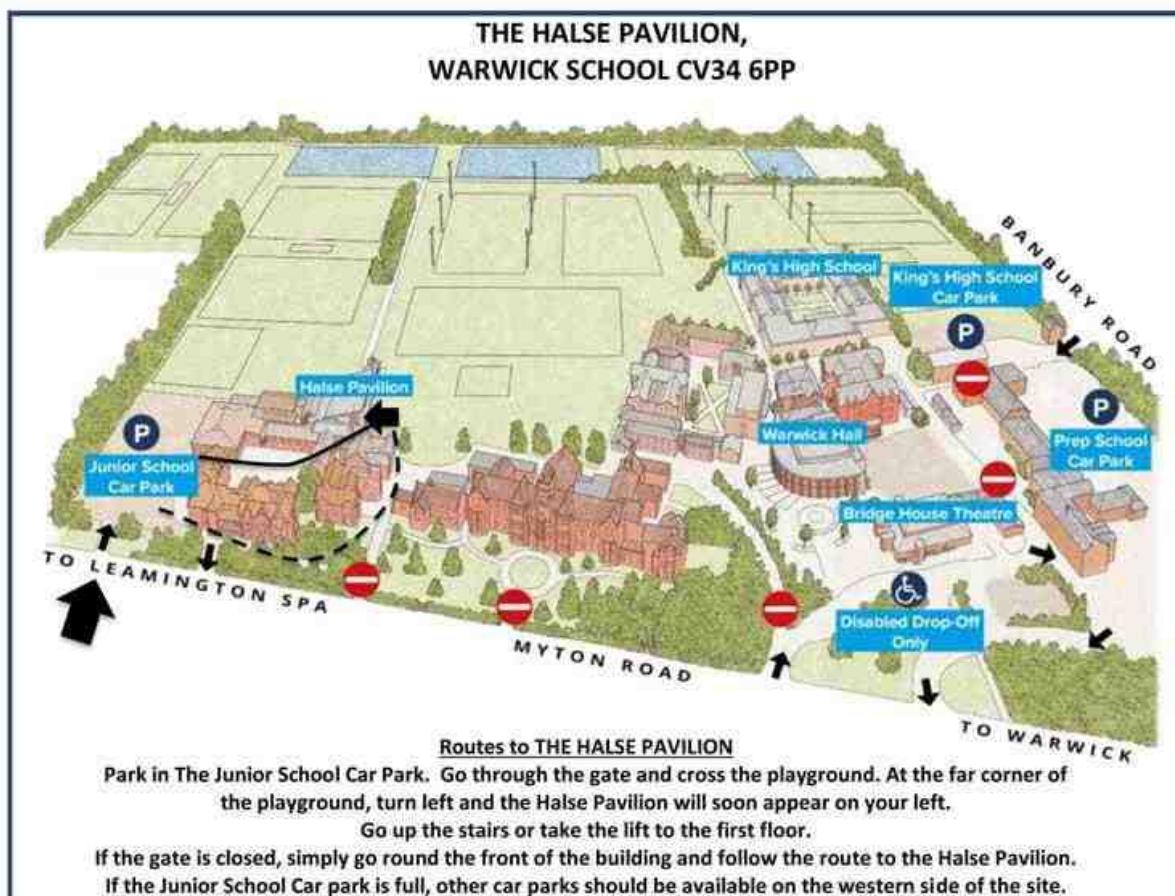
The evening will be busy at the school, so please arrive early and share a lift if at all possible. We have negotiated special parking arrangements with (marshalled) parking on the Junior School playground (the area of tarmac you usually walk across to get to the Halse Pavilion). On arrival at the Junior School car park you will be given (by me or a member of the committee) a permit to place on top of your dashboard, and will then be directed onto the Junior School playground by a car-parking marshall. Please fill up any spaces in the car park before utilising this additional space. We really hope this can assist with the pressure on parking, and please be tolerant of any teething problems with this new system.

COVID-19 VIRUS

Naturally we have been keeping in close contact with the School over Covid19 and the latest guidelines are attached. These were published this morning, with the statement *"It remains the case there are no confirmed cases or any testing of pupils or staff across the Foundation for Covid-19". Full details received from the school are available [here](#).*

We will keep you informed about any change in the situation, and please check e-mails right up to the meeting in case of any last-minute change in advice. Look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Regards, Martin Green, Chairman. WIAS 9th March 2020



Please park for the event in the Warwick Junior School car park - see map below

Newsletter 69. The latest WIAS newsletter, March 2020, is now available on the website. Click [here](#). 7th March 2020

WIAS Photo Gallery.

- Our photo gallery currently contains over 1400 photos and videos and contributions are always welcome - why not send us some of yours? If they don't fit one of the existing categories don't worry, we will create a gallery for you! If you haven't visited it recently click on the gallery link in the main menu.
- In addition there are another 400 plus photos in the WIAS database and contributions are always welcome. 15th February 2020

Contributions To Our Website.

- More articles have been added to the WIAS website, take a look at the growing list on our contributions page! Thank you to the people who have supplied these. Click on 'Contributions' in the menu at the top of the page.
- Additional industries have also been added to our new section of the website which features some of the industries that can or could have been found in Warwickshire. Click on 'Industry' in the menu at the top of the page. *8th February 2020*

WIAS is on The Move! Not far actually but from the February 2020 meeting this and all future meeting will be held in the beautiful Halse Pavilion. Just a few yards away from the Pyne room, and slightly nearer to the Junior School car park, this state of the art building has a lift to the large light and airy function space on the first floor overlooking the first team cricket pitch. Facilities are excellent and there is even a terrace to stroll out onto in the interval when the weather permits. WIAS looks forward to welcoming everyone old and new to this splendid new venue.



The Ironmen of Leamington. Copies of this excellent book by Martin Green and Mick Jeffs are available to purchase through the website. Click [here](#) for full details. *1st February 2020*

Index of WIAS Meeting. Over the years, the amount of meetings held by the society has been considerable and some are so long ago as to have been forgotten! However, records of meetings and visits, (usually walks), do exist as far back as 1993 and these have been compiled as a searchable index. Use the search box towards the right to find a particular or topic or speaker by just typing in a few letters. Click [here](#). *27th January 2020*

Histories of the Unexpected Tour. I'm helping to promote the Histories of the Unexpected show, which is coming to Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon on 13 February 2020, and I thought that some of your members might be interested in attending. The Histories of

the Unexpected team is comprised of TV historian and adventurer Dr Sam Willis and University of Plymouth Professor of Early Modern History James Daybell, and their purpose is simple: to show that everything - even the most unexpected of subjects - has a history and that these histories link together in unexpected ways. Thus, they aim to bring great research and new approaches to history to audiences around the country and across the globe. They've been running a podcast for several years, covering topics as diverse as cricket and executions, and have published five books under the Histories name. These have been converted into a tour, which has been selling out at the likes of the BBC History Weekends. You can find out more about the show, the team, and their work, as well as listen to their podcasts at www.historiesoftheunexpected.com. If you are interested in the show, or would like more information, please let me know. If you are interested in the show, but are unable to get to Stratford, the team have a number of other performances planned for your area, the dates for which are listed here: <https://historiesoftheunexpected.com/tour/>. Thanks, **Debbie Kilroy** debbie@getclever.co.uk *23rd January 2020*

Heritage of Industry 2020 Tours. Booking has now opened for the 2020 series of tours from this well established company. This years trips include, West Yorkshire, Poland, East Anglia, Hamburg, Bucks Oxon & Surrey, New Zealand. For details of each tour and information on how to book click [here](#) to visit the Heritage of Industry website. *16th January 2020*

WIAS Website. Exciting new sections are being developed for the site based on Warwickshire Industries. It is hoped to include an introduction page and then more detailed information including further reading, visits and photos for each industry. If you have knowledge of a specific industry you are welcome to contribute to this project. Click [here](#) to [view](#) the progress so far.

There are also new contributions from members on the Features & Links page of the site. Click [here](#) to view. *13th January 2020*

WIAS January Meeting. Just a final reminder of the talk this Thursday by David Skillen entitled 'Giants in the Sky - the Zeppelin in World War One'. All are welcome to hear this fascinating story. The meeting will be held in the Pyne Room, Warwick School CV34 6PP, with all the usual bookstalls, refreshments and convivial company readily on hand! Next month's meeting is a Members' Evening of short presentations of 20 minutes or less. I look forward to hearing about these contributions on Thursday so that I can formulate the programme. Don't be shy!! Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS *7th January 2020*

[All available parking locations at Warwick School](#)

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL ENTHUSIASTS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE!

WIAS begins the new decade by casting our eyes skywards with a talk by David Skillen entitled 'GIANTS IN THE SKY: THE ZEPPELIN IN WORLD WAR ONE'. The meeting is on Thursday January 9th. 2020 at 7.30pm in the Pyne room, Warwick School and all are welcome. One of our members is struggling to get to meetings and can no longer drive. He wonders if anyone might be prepared to give him a lift. He lives in Leamington, off the Old Milverton Road, not far from the Vauxhall garage. Please let me know if you are able to help,

and I will put you in touch with the person concerned. Many thanks. I look forward to seeing you next Thursday. Martin Green, Chairman, WIAS. *3rd January 2020*