

Newsletter No. 3

Those who received Newsletter No. 2 were sent also a Membership Form and Constitution, with an invitation to take up membership of GLIAS. The response to this has been encouraging, and at the time of writing the society has some 60 members.

The initial issues of the Newsletter have been sent to all those who have indicated an interest in London's industrial past, and this has resulted in a mailing list of some 200 names. In order that the society may offer its members the best possible Newsletter commensurate with the available funds, it is regretted that future issues will be sent only to paid-up members.

Subscriptions (£1 p.a. individual Members, 10/- Juniors under 18, £2 affiliated Institutions) should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr Oxley-Sidey, at 32 The Avenue, Cheam, Surrey. The Treasurer will be glad to forward further Membership Forms and copies of the Constitution.

Please remember - the stronger the Society's membership, the more it can achieve.

## DIARY

DEPTFORD AND GREENWICH WALK, SUNDAY AUGUST 24th

A tour on foot lasting about 2 hours of this historic area. Leader, Mike Mangan. Items that will be seen or passed include: London & Greenwich Railway viaduct (1836), Greenwich Market, Deptford Power Station (associated with S.Z. de Ferranti), the Thames Foot Tunnel (1876), Greenwich Observatory & Maritime Museum, and the Cutty Sark. The party will also walk along

a stretch of the old Deptford-Woolwich road.

All are welcome. Meet in the forecourt, Greenwich Station (off Greenwich High Road): the party will move off at 3 p.m.

#### REGENT'S CANAL CRUISE, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6th

A few seats are still available at the time of writing for this all-day trip exploring the known and unknown parts of London's canal system. Fare: £2 per head, including lunch and descriptive booklet. Full details have already been circulated - contact Mike Kensey, 59 Kingsway, Enfield, Middlesex for further information and bookings (enclose stamped addressed envelope please).

#### VISIT TO KEW BRIDGE & KEMPTON PARK PUMPING STATIONS

Preliminary arrangements are in hand with the M.W.B. for a visit by a party of 20 to these two splendid stations: Kew Bridge, now a museum, retains 5 steam engines including a 100" Cornish; Kempton Park has 2 triple expansion steam engines still at work, and all stages of the treatment of water may be seen. Date: a Saturday, either September 27th or October 11th. Transport between the two stations will be by car. Contact Paul Carter, 20 Chestnut Grove, Wembley, Middlesex if interested in taking part. State if requiring or able to offer lift in car. Please enclose s.a.e. for reply.

#### LECTURE ON 'INDUSTRIAL MONUMENTS OF GREATER LONDON', OCTOBER 1st, 8.00 p.m.

Given by Paul Carter to the Stanmore, Edgware & Harrow Historical Society, at the Harrow Weald Institute, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald.

#### GLIAS & SLAS JOINT MEETING, TUESDAY OCTOBER 21st, 7.15 p.m.

At the Crossway Mission, New Kent Road, Elephant & Castle, S.E.1 (5 minute walk from E.&C. Underground station).

SHROPSHIRE VISIT REUNION. An opportunity for those who went on the TBAOG/SLAS visit to Shropshire in May to see some of the colour slides and cine film taken on the visit. GLIAS members who did not visit Shropshire are invited to attend, as there will be discussion on a possible GLIAS/SLAS visit next year.

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## NEWS

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#### APPOINTMENTS

The Executive Committee have made the following appointments:

Archaeological Adviser

Ralph Merrifield, M.A., F.S.A.

Architectural Adviser

John Smith, A.A.Dipl., A.R.I.B.A.

Information Officer

Michael Kensey

A professional archaeologist, Mr Merrifield is Assistant Director at the Guildhall Museum. One of the country's leading authorities on Roman London, his experience and guidance will prove invaluable especially where excavation is necessary. Contact at the Guildhall Museum, Gillett House, 55 Basinghall Street, E.C.2. Tel.:01-606 3030 ext.742.

John Smith is an architect and design consultant, and is also joint editor of a series of books entitled 'Excursions into Architecture'. Recently published is 'Fairground Architecture' by David Braithwaite. Address: 22 South Audley Street, W.1. Tel.:01-629 4259.

Michael Kensey is an active member of Enfield Archaeological Society, very much concerned with that Society's industrial activities, including the New River project. Will be responsible for publicising GLIAS activities, including forthcoming events, projects, etc. Address: 59 Kingsway, Enfield, Middlesex. Tel.:01-HOW 6624.

Paul Carter  
Secretary

#### JUST PUBLISHED 'INDUSTRIAL MONUMENTS OF GREATER LONDON'

64 pages listing over 350 significant and interesting items, borough-by-borough for ease of reference. Line drawings and map. Price 7/6 + 1/- postage, from:

Paul Carter,  
20 Chestnut Grove,  
Wembley, Middlesex

#### CROSSNESS PROJECT (see Newsletter No. 1)

During June a small party of GLIAS members visited the Beam Engine Pumping House at the Crossness Sewage Treatment Works (TQ 484811) near Erith, to collect evidence for a report. This will state why GLIAS thinks the Engine House should be restored, and what the Society could do to assist in this task. The report will be available by September, and is being compiled by Alan Thomas, GLIAS Chairman, with advice from Joan Read (historical), John Smith (architectural), and Denis Smith (technical). It will be passed on to the G.L.C. investigator Mr N.Harrison in time for his report which goes before the Council in October.

## C.B.A. CONFERENCE 'THE FUTURE OF INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY'

This conference, a follow-up to the Bath Conference held last autumn, will discuss the future development of industrial archaeology with particular reference to the possible form a national organisation could take.

Societies have been invited to send representatives to the conference, to be held on Saturday October 11th at the Institute of Archaeology, Gordon Square, W.C.1. GLIAS will be represented, and an account of the proceedings will appear in the next Newsletter.

## GLIAS VISIT TO ST. KATHARINE DOCKS, SUNDAY JULY 13th

Reported by R.A.Hutson

On Sunday morning, July 13th last, my wife and I joined some 35 fellow industrial archaeologists for the St. Katharine Docks tour and "teach-in". It was a gloriously sunny day, and the old buildings reflected in the water looked colourful and inviting. We were welcomed by Alan Thomas and Paul Carter, who distributed a map of the docks and notes on the day's programme.

Our first session, lasting till lunch-time, was led by John Ashdown, who described the architecture and construction as we explored the old buildings. The shade of these provided a most welcome place to have our sandwich lunch. As usual on this type of excursion, we finished our lunch in a pub discussing industrial archaeology.

We resumed under the leadership of Alan Thomas, when we were initiated into the ways of recording structural details, being shown how to recognise, measure, and make drawings of them. After this we were taken over by Paul Carter, from whom we learned how and in what circumstances the place was built in 1827-8 by some 2500 workmen at a cost of £1,700,000 - almost twice the estimate!

While all this was going on, Mike Mangan was taking parties for a walk around Dockland, when the general atmosphere and feel of the area could be absorbed, and the strength and prisonlike security of the wall-enclosed docks could really be appreciated.

We finished up feeling that we had been amongst and made new friends, having had the opportunity of picking up far more knowledge than we could remember. Altogether the day was arranged in a most businesslike way, at a unique site for its purpose.

## DISPLAY COLLECTION

The Society is establishing a permanent collection of display material, for use at Conferences, Exhibitions, etc. to illustrate the work being undertaken in the region, as well as the buildings and machines to be found in London. If you have any material suitable for this collection, please contact Denis Smith, 22 Horn Lane, Woodford, Essex. Tel.:01-504 0702.

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# PROJECTS

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## OPERATION GAS-ENGINE

As a sequel to the highly successful joint visit to Shropshire in May by members of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society and the Thames Basin Archaeological Observers' Group, a request has been received from the Curator of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Mr Morton. This concerns a National Gas Engine at present installed at British Steam Specialties Ltd., Walworth House, Union Street, Southwark. The engine has been promised to the Trust, and both SLAS and GLIAS have promised assistance if feasible in the dismantling of the engine. The problem is at present being studied, and further details will appear in the next Newsletter.

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# SOCIETIES

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## NEW RIVER EXCAVATIONS

Enfield Archaeological Society has an active I.A. Group; one of their first projects was the excavation of part of the old course of the New River at Flash Road, Enfield. A cast iron aqueduct was uncovered, and this, together with the site and other finds, is fully described and illustrated in a report which is available price 1/6 including postage from Mike Kensey (address on page 3/3).

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