

Newsletter No. 4

DIARY

EMERGENCY RECORDING SESSION,
DEPTFORD EAST GENERATING STATION,
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th

As a result of the Society's tour of Deptford and Greenwich on August 24th, it was discovered that the Deptford East Generating Station (TQ 375779) is shortly to be demolished. This station, described by Aubrey Wilson in "London's Industrial Heritage", is noted as the world's first to generate and transmit high-voltage electricity.

Permission has been received for a party of 20 to visit the station between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday September 20th. Meet at the station entrance, The Stowage, S.E.8 (near St Nicholas' Church) at 8.50 a.m.

This will be a working visit, so bring cameras (with black-and-white film for recording work), measuring tapes, pencils, paper, etc. Old clothes are advised.

VISIT TO KEW BRIDGE & KEMPTON PARK PUMPING STATIONS
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27th (see Newsletter 3)

At the time of going to press, there are still 5 places vacant for this visit. This is a rare opportunity to see the huge reciprocating steam engines of Kempton Park at work. Applications (with s.a.e.) to Paul Carter, 20 Chestnut Grove, Wembley, Middlesex.

ALL-DAY VISIT TO CLEVEDON COURT, SOMERSET
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th
ORGANISED BY THE HAMPSTEAD CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

This coach trip is of great interest to industrial archaeologists, and the Centre have kindly offered GLIAS a number of places on the coach. The day includes a tour of Clevedon Court, the XIVth century Manor House home

of Sir Arthur Elton, who will himself show his private collection of Transport and Industrial relics (mainly Railway items) which are not normally on view. Also being visited are two great bridges: Brunel's at Clifton and the new Severn Road Bridge, and Blaise Hamlet, Bristol (John Nash, 1809).

Meet at 8.30 a.m. (dep. 8.45) at 47 Downshire Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3 (5 minutes from Hampstead Tube Station). Take packed lunch. Coffee and biscuits being provided at Clevedon by the Eltons. Stop for tea on return journey. Cost including coffee, tea, incidentals expected to be under £2. Return to Hampstead not later than 10.30 p.m. Please apply for seats (not later than Sept. 23rd) to:- Mrs F. Uhlman, 47 Downshire Hill, N.W.3 with s.a.e. (Tel.: HAM 3565) Do not enclose money with application.

RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPHY: TALK BY C.R.L. COLES
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th, 7 p.m.

This talk to the London Underground Railway Society (affiliated to GLIAS) will be held in the Committee Room, Hammersmith Town Hall (nearest station Ravenscourt Park) on October 10th at 7 p.m. An invitation has been extended to GLIAS members to attend.

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

To be held at the Crossway Mission, New Kent Road, Elephant & Castle, S.E.1. SHROPSHIRE VISIT REUNION. Other GLIAS members welcome, as there will be a discussion on a possible GLIAS/SLAS visit next year.

NEWS

THE RELIANT...

...alleged to be the last operational side-lever engined paddle-tug anywhere in the world, is to become part of the Greenwich Maritime Museum. The 100-foot long Reliant will be one of the exhibits in the new Neptune Hall, due to be opened in 1971.

PROJECTS

PUBLIC BATHS & WASH-HOUSES

The Public Baths and Wash-house is a feature of the London scene which could well disappear during the next decade. Many were built during

the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and already some have vanished, swept away by the pressures of redevelopment. Often the buildings themselves are of architectural interest, and several possibly contain interesting equipment. Cheshire Street Baths, Shoreditch, E.2 (TQ 340822) is known to contain twin Galloway boilers of 1899, and some early (1928) washing machines.

The investigation of these important monuments of town life could make a worth-while project for the coming winter evenings and week-ends. Anyone interested in the subject should first try to obtain a copy of 'Public Baths and Wash-houses' by A.W.S. Cross (Batsford, London, 1906), which is a mine of information. The Publications Officer, Michael Bussell, would like to hear from anyone studying this necessary component of the urban scene.

TWO ITEMS THAT NEED RECORDING

Photographs and measurements should be taken of these two items before they vanish. If interested, contact Paul Carter (address above).

1. Obsolete canal winch by Redpath, Limehouse: adjacent to former Limehouse Lock (now filled in), on the Limehouse Cut. At end of four canal cottages off Narrow Street, Limehouse, E.14 (TQ 364807).
2. Early 19th century wooden wallcrane, in yard of Scotts Wharf, corner of Mill Street and Dockhead, S.E.1 (TQ 338797).

HATCHAM IRONWORKS, POMEROY STREET, S.E.14

Mr Arthur Adams is carrying out research on this ironworks, now occupied by the General Engine and Boiler Co. Ltd. He is particularly interested in the works between the years 1853-75. He would appreciate assistance in locating sources of material on the works, old pictures, etc. His address is 59 Sevenoaks Road, Crofton Park, London, S.E.4.

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