

NEWSLETTER 8

DIARY

Saturday, June 20th	Guided Walk around Mortlake and Barnes Visit to West Ham Pumping Station
Sunday, June 21st	Field Training Session at Thames Ironworks is CANCELLED - see below
Saturday, July 4th	GLIAS Annual General Meeting - 2.00 at the Institute of Archaeology, Gordon Square, W.C.1: a separate Notice of Meeting is being sent to members
Sunday, July 5th	Field Training Session at Drayton Mill, West Drayton, Middlesex - NOT at Thames Ironworks. See below
Friday, July 10th	'The London Subterranean Survey' - evening talk at Hammersmith by Ellis Hillman
Sunday, August 23rd	Coach trip to Stoke Bruerne Waterways Museum, Northampton, etc. organised by Enfield Archaeological Society

GUIDED WALK AROUND MORTLAKE AND BARNES
SATURDAY, JUNE 20th

The walk will be led by Charles Hailstone, who has made a special study of the industrial history and archaeology of the area. Features of the walk include the railway and station; Victorian model cottages; brewery and malthouses; pottery sites; early concrete houses; tapestry factory remains; Barnes Bridge and abandoned curve, etc. One of London's two surviving blacksmith's shops with forge, and Mortlake parish church with a unique collection of Mortlake pottery and moulds, will be opened specially for those taking part in this walk.

Meet 2.30 p.m. Mortlake station (SR) in yard on booking hall side. Public transport: 2.02 from Waterloo station (SR); LT Red buses 9 (to Mortlake Garage) and 33 and 37 (to Sheen Lane); LT Green Line 714, 716 and 716a (to the Bull, East Sheen - request stop). The walk will last all afternoon, with the opportunity to adjourn afterwards for refreshment at a pub near Mortlake railway station.

A set of notes on the items to be seen on the walk has been prepared by Charles Hailstone. This will be available on the Saturday, or can be obtained price 1/- from Michael Bussell (address below).

VISIT TO WEST HAM PUMPING STATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 20th
(ENFIELD & WALTHAM ABBEY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES)

West Ham Pumping Station, one of the last working beam engine establishments in London, is closing down this summer, and this visit is possibly the last chance to see the engines at work. A coach will leave Enfield Town Station at 9 a.m. sharp, calling at Waltham Abbey 9.30, and returning to Enfield by 1.30 p.m. The guide at West Ham will be Denis Smith.

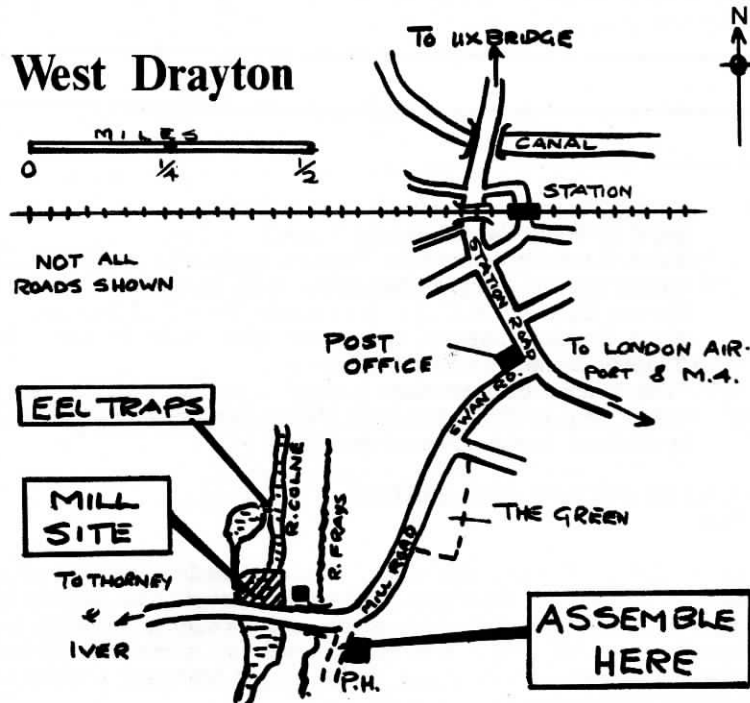
We have been informed that a few places are still available for this visit. Contact Mr E.L. Fereday, 779 Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middlesex (01-363-7319). The fare will be 10/-; cheques and p.o.s to be made payable to Mr A.J. Spackman.

FIELD TRAINING SESSION AT DRAYTON MILL, WEST DRAYTON
SUNDAY, JULY 5th

The bulldozer has moved too fast for the Field Training Session planned at the Thames Ironworks, Blackwall: the site has been levelled and covered with soil and rubble, obliterating most of the surviving remains of this once-prosperous and extensive ironworks. To attempt to record the site now would be time-consuming and hazardous, and so an alternative site has been chosen - the Drayton water mill at West Drayton (TQ 054791). This site is made available by kind permission of Penguin Books Limited.

The 18th-19th century water mill building has largely disappeared, but foundations, millrace, a substantial part of the undershot waterwheel, and eel traps (rare in London) remain.

Details: meet outside 'Angler's Retreat' public house, Mill Road, West Drayton for 10.30 a.m. start. Drayton Mill is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south-west of West Drayton Station (WR from Paddington), and buses 224 from Uxbridge Station and 223 from Hounslow West stop at West Drayton Post Office (see map below).



Bring paper, pencils, measuring tapes, ranging rods, etc., and lunch (the session is planned to continue until 4.30). It may be necessary to clear away summer undergrowth, so a sickle might be useful, and ladies are advised to wear slacks in case of nettles. Boots are advisable for those wishing to tackle the eel traps, etc., and in any case "practical" clothing is advised.

'THE LONDON SUBTERRANEAN SURVEY'
FRIDAY, JULY 10th, 7.00 p.m.
HAMMERSMITH TOWN HALL

Mr Ellis Hillman, GLC councillor and a driving force behind the establishment of the Survey, will speak to the London Underground Railway Society. GLIAS members are kindly invited to come along and hear about this project, which will certainly involve industrial archaeologists in the near future.

STOKE BRUERNE, GRAND UNION CANAL, NORTHAMPTON, ETC. - ALL DAY TOUR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd

Enfield Archaeological Society are organising this visit; they have kindly invited GLIAS members to take part. Fare will be 25/-. Contact Mr E.L.Fereday - address above.

NEWS

WIND MILLS ON VIEW

Upminster mill, the finest smock mill in the Eastern Counties, is open to the public on a number of weekends this summer, by courtesy of Hornchurch & District Historical Society.

The dates are: June 27/28, July 25/26, and September 5/6, between 2.00 and 5.30 p.m. each day.

Information kindly supplied by Mr A.J.R. Snelling,
Hon. Secretary of the Hornchurch Society,
8 Kennet Close, Cranham, Essex

Brixton wind mill in Blenheim Gardens is also open to the public from May until September this year, according to a newspaper report. The mill was restored in the 1950s after years of dereliction.

'GLASS IN LONDON'

A reminder that this exhibition at the London Museum, Kensington Palace, W.8 continues until August 31st. It presents a wide-ranging display of the many uses made of glass by Londoners from Roman times to the present day.

PROJECTS

WIND MILLS AROUND LONDON - A GLIAS PROJECT

This survey, suggested in Newsletter No.6, is currently being undertaken by Martin Salzer, Jonathan Hopton, Ian Mitchell and others. The group are currently locating and investigating all existing wind mill sites (including those where only traces remain) within a 30 mile radius of Central London. The aim is firstly to compile a comprehensive Gazetteer for this area, listing location, type of mill, state, owner, accessibility, etc. This will be published as a GLIAS supplement.

Following this, it is hoped to draw up details of all published material, plans and drawings of these mills, noting where this information is located. This will prove invaluable to others interested in these fascinating monuments of power. The Project group are not carrying out a full historical investigation into each site. Their aim is to locate all existing sites, keep an eye on any threatened by redevelopment, and find out which have been recorded in detail. Anyone wishing to help, or with useful information, please contact Martin Salzer, 2 Oldfield Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

Some areas have already received detailed attention from others: the finest wind mill book for a long time is 'The Windmills of Surrey and Inner London' by K.G. Farries and M.T. Mason (Charles Skilton, 1966, 5 guineas). This book is a classic of its kind, and it is encouraging to hear that Mr Farries is now at work on the Windmills of Essex. Assisting in this is the Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, Stratford, E., which is collecting all information for the old county of Essex. Other information on Essex mills recently published includes Anthony Butler's booklet on Upminster Mill and 'Essex Windmills - a 1969 Report' by W.G.S. Tonkin in Essex Journal, Vol.V, No.1 (Jan. 1970).

But much remains to be done in outer Middlesex, Buckinghamshire, and Hertfordshire, so here is scope for plenty of original research and fieldwork.

SURVEY OF THE GRAND SURREY CANAL

The Grand Surrey Canal from Rotherhithe to Camberwell is to be investigated by David Dunn. As the canal is threatened by the forthcoming closure of Surrey Commercial Docks, it is important to carry out a field study now to record canal equipment and note canalside premises. Mr Dunn would like a colleague for this project: anyone interested, contact him at 263 Norwood Road, London, S.E.24 (Tel.: 674-6181).

RECORDING GAS STREET LAMPS, ETC. IN CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER

These items of street furniture are fast disappearing, but Mr Richards has done some recording work in the Chelsea and Westminster areas. Would anyone in that area interested in helping write to Mr R.P.G. Richards at 1 Beaufort Street, London, S.W.3.

INFORMATION WANTED: VICTORIAN GLASSWORKS AND BOTTLES

Mr Bruce Henry is currently building up a collection of Mineral Water and Beer bottles, and investigating the history of the glassworks and manufacturers involved. He would like to hear from anyone with knowledge or information of use. Mr Henry's address: 52 Carlton Avenue West, North Wembley, Middlesex (904-8050).

SOCIETIES

THE CINEMA THEATRE ASSOCIATION

Members may be interested to know of the Cinema Theatre Association, founded in 1967, which aims to encourage serious interest and research into the historical development, archaeology and social importance of the cinema theatre. Visits are organised, in particular to buildings now closed or converted to other use; occasional meetings are held; a bi-monthly bulletin published; and members are encouraged to work towards the establishment of a documentary collection.

Subscription is 20/- per annum in the London area. Further details from the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr Marcus Eavis, 123B Central Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

BOOKS

Croydon: the Story of a Hundred Years, Edited by John B.Gent, 1970: 60pp.

Published by the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited,
96A Brighton Road, South Croydon CR2 6AD at 12/- post paid, or 10/- from booksellers
86 illustrations

This year the C.N.H.S.S. celebrates its centenary, and to mark the occasion, this splendidly illustrated A4 size booklet has been compiled to record aspects of Croydon over the last 100 years. Essays are included on Industry, Shopping and Commerce, Transport, Urban Growth, and Leisure, beside other topics. Something of interest can be found on every page, from an account of Croydon's breweries to a photograph of the first day of electric trams in 1901, from an appalling description of the life and death of a Victorian shoemaker's apprentice, to an early picture of a Croydon telephone operator at work in 1887.

Upminster Mill, Anthony Butler, 1968: 52pp.

Published by and obtainable from Peter Davis at 62 Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Essex at 7/- post paid
Illustrated by line drawings and photographs

Upminster Mill is one of the few London mills to survive today, escaping demolition before the Second World War and living through further years of neglect before being restored in the last decade. This pocket-size volume does full justice to its subject, describing the mill, its 180-year history, and the people - its builders, the millers, and those whose efforts have ensured its continued existence.

MNB

About half the membership has completed the recent Questionnaire and returned it to me. I would appreciate it if others could fill in and forward their copy to me as soon as possible. (If any new members have not received a copy of the Questionnaire, please contact Michael Bussell for one.) This is your Society, and at the end of this first year your Committee want to know of your comments and suggestions. I hope to be able to summarise the findings from the Questionnaire at the A.G.M. Several useful ideas have already been put forward. Please help. If you have not yet done so, please fill in the Questionnaire and return to me as soon as possible.

Paul Carter

The new format for the Newsletter has been adopted to enable more material and illustrations to be included without increasing costs, and also eliminates the labour of collation and stapling. Comments are invited. So too is material for the Newsletter - news, requests for help or information, letters for publication, accounts of work in progress, etc. Please send all contributions to me at the address below.

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