



The presentation at Shere Village Hall and Museum.  
Saturday 28 July. *Photo John Bourne*

### **Surrey Industrial History Group AGM 2018 and Conservation Award Ceremony**

At the end of July, the Surrey Hills Society, and Shere Museum jointly received an award from the Surrey Industry History Group (SIHG). This award which is presented annually to an important local project was received as a result of the Tales and Trails of the Tillingbourne project. Whilst there were many participants and partners in this project, the Society and the Museum were deemed to have been lead volunteer groups and hence suitable recipients of the award.

The project had many facets including the creation of character puppets, life stories of the characters, involvement of Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre and local schools, etc. Especially mentioned at the award ceremony was the production of walks leaflets covering each of the Tillingbourne villages and their industrial past. These leaflets which are available from the Society and Shere Museum have been well received by the public and have introduced a new audience to the fascinating history of the area.

In a small celebration event at Shere Village Hall, a plaque was presented to Christine Howard (Chairman of Surrey Hills Society) and Handa Bray (Patron of Shere Museum) by Jan Spencer (Editor of the SIHG Newsletter). In due course, this plaque will be mounted close to the Tales of the Tillingbourne display in a new gallery within Shere Museum that was created specifically as part of the project. SIHG also made donations to both organisations which were very gratefully received.

The Tales and Trails of the Tillingbourne project was funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant. □

Many thanks to Kenneth Bare of the Surrey Hills Society for this report, which also appears on their web site, [www.surreyhillssociety.org](http://www.surreyhillssociety.org).

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A line-up of the characters in the special gallery at Shere Museum who exemplify the versatility of the Tillingbourne Valley.

The beautifully made three-dimensional map of the Tillingbourne Valley takes pride of place in the museum gallery.

**Shere Museum**

The museum has many exhibits of local interest, including Shere in WWI, a full-sized Bouncing Bomb model and a gallery devoted to the Tillingbourne Valley

The Museum is open  
14:00 to 17:00 on  
Saturdays, Sundays and  
some bank holidays.

*Shere Museum  
Gomshall Lane  
Shere  
Surrey  
GU5 9HE*

*www.sheremuseum.co.uk  
01483 202769*



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**Apologies from the Editor**

I am currently in the process of moving house and thus unable to give my full attention to the production of the Newsletter. Normal service will be resumed in time for the February issue of the SIHG Newsletter to be published!

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## SIHG Newsletter No 220 November 2018

Enquires to Programme Co-ordinator Bob Bryson: 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk.

### The 43rd season of SIHG

#### Industrial Archaeology Lectures at Guildford, Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Road, Guildford GU2 7YF

alternate Mondays or Tuesdays, 19:30-21:30 (map: [www.sihg.org.uk](http://www.sihg.org.uk))  
Single lectures at £5, payable on the night, are open to all.

#### 2018

- Mon 1 Oct **Brunel, Scott Russell and the Great Eastern**  
*Prof. Andrew Lambert, Dept of War Studies  
King's College London*
- Tue 9 Oct **London Underground's Edwardian Tile Patterns**  
*Douglas Rose, London historian and  
Information designer*
- Tue 23 Oct **R34: New York - There & Back Again - an  
Airship's tale**  
*Nigel Hills, of the Airship Association*
- Mon 5 Nov **A History of the Singer Marque**  
*Michael Hyman, Editor MASCOT for the Assn  
of Singer Car Owners*
- Mon 19 Nov **The Joe Lyons Story: Food for Thought** Neville  
*Lyons, relative of the co-founder of J Lyons & Co*
- Tue 11 Dec **Members' Talks Evening - Free to all**
- 2019
- Mon 7 Jan **The Ramblings of a Railwayman**  
*Geoff Burch, railwayman & author*
- Tue 22 Jan **A History of the Post Office Underground**  
*Railway Chris Taft, Historian and  
Head of Collections at The Postal Museum*
- Tue 5 Feb **Conkers, Cordite and the Birth of Modern  
Biotechnology** *Martin Adams, Emeritus  
Prof of Microbiology, University of Surrey*
- Tue 19 Feb **TBA**
- Tue 5 Mar **Iron Men - C19th Engineer Henry Maudslay  
and his Circle** *David Waller,  
author and former Financial Times journalist*

### SIHG Lectures in Leatherhead Autumn 2018 Thursday Mornings 10:00-12:00

Room G6 The Institute,

67 High Street Leatherhead KT22 8AH

Non-member full fee £50 SIHG member £45.

Single lectures at £5, payable on the night, are  
open to all, but please check with Bob Bryson  
before attending.

#### 2018

- 4 Oct **The Merchant Navy at War -  
The Falklands** *Richard Mellor*
- 11 Oct **The Motor Car in the Interwar Years**  
*Trevor Williams*
- 18 Oct **Eric Alliot RFC, RAF from Icarus  
to Airbus** *Michael Alliot*
- 25 Oct **HALF TERM**  
**Possible Visit to The Post Office  
Museum in London**
- 1 Nov **The Bailey Bridge** *Pablo Haworth*
- 8 Nov **The Schneider Air Races**  
*Colin van Geffen*
- 15 Nov **Fastenings: Truly the Nuts and  
Bolts of Industry**  
*Anthony Poulton-Smith*
- 22 Nov **London Under the Surface** *Geoff Roles*
- 29 Nov **Wandle Industrial Museum -  
Lavender Industries of Mitcham**
- 6 Dec **Hearth & Home: Building Materials  
of the SE** *Geoffrey Mead*
- 13 Dec **Members' Short Talks**

### Surrey Industrial History Group Officers

Chairman & Lectures Co-ordinator: **Robert Bryson**

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Treasurer: (vacant) Acting Treasurer: **Robert Bryson** treasurer@sihg.org.uk

Newsletter Editor: **Jan Spencer** (New address TBA!) 01372 454766 news@sihg.org.uk

The deadline for **submitting copy** for the next Newsletter is

**20 January 2019**

*Submissions are accepted in typescript, on a disc, or by email to [news@sihg.org.uk](mailto:news@sihg.org.uk).*

**Anything** related to IA will be considered. Priority will be given to Surrey-based or topical articles.

*Contributions will be published as soon as space is available. Readers are advised that the views of contributors  
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### Venues, Times & Contacts

Most venues open 30 minute before the published time.

**Brooklands:** open Summer 10:00-17:00, Winter 10:00-16:00; £11/£9.90; Brooklands Rd, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0QN; www.brooklandsmuseum.com; 01932 857381.

**Croydon Airport Society Visitor Centre :** open 1st Sunday of the month, 11:00-16:00, free; Airport House, Way, Croydon CR0 0XZ.

**Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society (CNHSS):** 19:45; free; UR Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, E Croydon CR0 5LP; http://cnhss.co.uk; 0208 668 1431.

**Dorking Museum & Heritage Centre:** Thurs, Fri, Sat 10:00-16:00; £2/£1; 62 West Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1BS; www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk, 01306 876 591.

**Gatwick Aviation Museum:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sundays; 09:30-15:30; £7-50; Vallance-Byways, Lowfield Heath Road, Charlwood RH6 0BT; www.gatwick-aviation-museum.co.uk/; 01293 862417.

**Greater London Industrial History Society (GLIAS):** 18:00; The Gallery, Alan Baxter Associates, 75 Cowcross Street (through the archway and in the basement at the rear of the building), Farringdon, EC1; info Tim Sidaway, secretary@glias.org.uk; www.glias.org.uk.

**Leatherhead & District Local History Society (LDLHS):** meetings 20:00; £2; The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH; www.leatherheadlocalhistory.org.uk. Leatherhead Museum: Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8DP; 01372 386348.

**London Bus Museum:** see Brooklands.

**Newcomen Society London:** 17:45, free; http://newcomen.com; new venue - The Dana Studio, The Dana Centre, 165 Queens Gate, London SW7 5HD.

**Postal Museum:** 15-20 Phoenix Place, London WC1X 0DA; open 10:00-17:00; exhibition only £11/£9; exhibition + Mail Rail ride £17.05/£15.40 (booking advised); www.postalmuseum.org, 0300 0300 700.

**Rural Life Centre:** open Winter Wed/Sun 10:00-16:00; £8-50/£7-50; Old Kiln Museum, Reeds Road, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2DL; www.rural-life.org.uk; 01252 795571.

**Wandle Industrial Museum:** £0.50; Wednesdays 13:00-16:00, Sundays 14:00-17:00; The Vestry Hall Annexe, London Road, Mitcham, CR4 3UD; no parking; 020 8648 0127, www.wandle.org/.

**Wey & Arun Canal Trust:** The Granary, Fritchfold Farm, Loxwood, Billingshurst W Sussex, RH14 0RH; 01403 752403; (Mon - Fri 09:30-13:30) office@weyandarun.co.uk.

### Diary November 2018

Wednesdays & Sundays Rural Life Centre: Open 11:00-16:00

1 Thu Surrey Industrial History Group  
Leatherhead Lectures:  
The Bailey Bridge by Pablo Haworth.

4 Sun Croydon Airport Visitor Centre:  
Historic Croydon Airport Open Day.

4 Sun Brooklands Museum:  
Autumn Classic Breakfast -  
Test Hill in action. Gates open 07:45.

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A History of the Singer Marque by  
Michael Hyman, Editor of MASCOT,  
Association of Singer Car Owners.

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Air Races by Colin van Geffen.

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Jan 19 Sat Women's Work - photography collection.

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Fastenings: Truly the Nuts and Bolts  
of Industry by Anthony Poulton-Smith.

18 Sun Brooklands Museum: Military Vehicles  
Day - .Action on the Mercedes-Benz  
World 4 x 4 Course, Re-enactors.

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Hearth & Home: Local Building Materials  
of the SE by Geoffrey Mead.

7 Fri Guildford Museum:  
until March of the Women - Surrey's Road  
31 Mon to the Vote - touring exhibition.

10 Mon until Guildford Museum: The Great War 1914-1919 -  
Jan 19 Sat A Surrey Infantry Museum exhibition.

11 Tue Surrey Industrial History Group  
Guildford Lectures: Members' Talks Evening -  
Free to all lecture attendees.  
Short talks by members plus refreshments  
and a chance to meet other members.

13 Thu Surrey Industrial History Group  
Leatherhead Lectures: Members' Talk.s

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7 Mon Surrey Industrial History Group  
Guildford Lectures:  
The Ramblings of a Railwayman  
by Geoff Burch, railwayman & author.

8 Tue Westcott Local History Group: The Royal  
Observatory at Abinger by Ian Rogers.

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Railway by Chris Taft, Historian and  
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