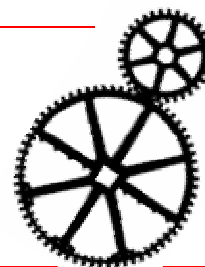


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## DIARY DATES

4 Sept	Boyne Viaduct conference, Drogheda.
<b>23-25 Sept</b>	<b>Autumn field trip, Birr, Co Offaly.</b>
13 Oct	Highways to Leisureways: IWAI conference, Portadown.
18-19 Oct	Heritage and Development conference, Dublin.

*Events in bold are organised by IHAI.*

This edition of the IHAI newsletter brings you details of our field trip, based at Birr, Co Offaly. Turn to the last page for details of our provisional programme. If you are intending to come, please return the tear-off enrolment slip as soon as possible, rather than at the last minute – doing so will greatly assist the organisers.

Events organised by like-minded groups are also detailed. Don't forget to send me your email address if you want to keep abreast of events which miss the newsletter.

Finally, if anyone hasn't yet paid their 2005 sub, please send it to Dr Ron Cox, c/o Centre for Civil Engineering Heritage, Museum Building; Trinity College, Dublin 2. Rates are: individual - €20; student/OAP - €10, heritage centre - €50; corporate - €100.

## BOYNE VIADUCT CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 4 Sept, the Old Drogheda Society is hosting a one-day conference marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Boyne viaduct. The speakers are Eugene Fox on the viaduct – past, present and future, Charles Fried on Drogheda in the age of steam, and Ron Cox on the spanning of the Boyne. The event takes place at the Boyne Valley Hotel & Country Club, Stameen, Drogheda. The cost is €30 including lunch. Booking is essential – contact Betty Quinn, Millmout Museum, Drogheda (tel 041 9833097; email [info@millmout.net](mailto:info@millmout.net)).

## IWAI CONFERENCE

The Inland Waterways Association of Ireland is organising a conference entitled *Highways to Leisureways* on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005. It will look back at our rich waterways' heritage and see how its transformation to cater for leisure activities can best be achieved.

Speakers include Patricia Gilbert on waterways projects in Northern Ireland, John McKeown on the restoration of the Royal Canal, Colin Becker on the challenge of restoring the Ulster Canal, Eileen McKeever on regenerating the Thames, Michael Kinahan and Ed Wheeler on restoring the Boyne Canal, and Michael Conaghan on Dublin City's Canals.



On 25 June, Nick Coy led a party around the Avoca Mines, Co Wicklow. *Left:* Nick explains a 1945 map of the mine. *Above:* At the Williams' engine house, named after the Williams Brothers of Perranarwortal, Cornwall, operators of the mine from 1811 to 1880 (*photographs courtesy of Norman Campion*).

The event will take place at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, with registration from 9am. On the evening before, there will be a dinner at the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown with John Fletcher, Chairman of the UK Inland Waterways Association as keynote speaker. The conference costs €150/£100 (but only €40/£30 for IWAI members!), and the dinner €55/£40. For details and registration, contact the IWAI, 25 Ellesmere Ave, NCR, Dublin 7 (tel 01 868 2609; email [liaison@iwai.ie](mailto:liaison@iwai.ie)). A copy of the brochure is also available on-line at [www.iwai.ie](http://www.iwai.ie).

## PLANNING & HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown County Council is holding a conference entitled *Planning & Design for Heritage & Development* on 18 and 19 October 2005. It addresses the co-existence of heritage and development and attempts to move beyond the either/or situation which often arises. It will be addressed by speakers from Ireland, Britain and the continent and covers a diverse range of topics relating to the integration of heritage into new developments, with an emphasis on where it has and where it can work. It will be of interest to anyone with a focus on heritage and development.

The conference takes place at Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney, Dublin, with registration from 9am on the Tuesday. The price for both days is €85, or €50 if attending for just one. To register and for further information, contact Tim Carey, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown CC Heritage Officer, Marine Rd, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin (tel 01-205 4700 ext 4027, email [tcarey@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:tcarey@dlrcoco.ie)).

## IMAGINATIVE IMAGES

English Heritage's *Images of England* an on-line photographic record of thousands of England's listed buildings – check it out at [www.imagesofengland.org](http://www.imagesofengland.org). Once registered, you can access the buildings' database by a number of fields including type – drop-down lists of various industrial building categories greatly speed up searching.

One very interesting spin-off from this project has been the *Learning Zone*. This is accessible from the home page and includes a case study on the industrial revolution. This enables schoolchildren in the 8-9 age group to search for evidence of industry in their local area and interpret the results.

If you have access to the web, I'd certainly recommend you work your way through it – it's a real revelation as to the educative power of the internet, and an approach that those at the erstwhile Dúchas might consider adopting in their endeavours to interest the public in our built heritage.

## CONSERVARE 2005

From 7 to 10 October 2005, the European Heritage Forum *Conservare 2005* is being held in Courtrai, Belgium. According to the blurb, it offers a meeting place for anyone involved in the research, conservation, restoration, interpretation and presentation of heritage. For details, log on to [www.conservare2005.org](http://www.conservare2005.org).

## INDUSTRIEKULTUR AUF IRLAND

The Autumn 2005 edition of *Industrie-Kultur*, published by the Rheinisches Industriemuseum, focuses on Ireland, with articles by Colin Rynne (Ireland's industrial heritage, and Cork Waterworks), Barry O'Reilly (Small-scale industries), Ruth Delany (The Royal Canal), Joachim Fischer (Ardnacrusha power station), Brendan Delany (the paintings of Sean Keating), Des Cowman (Mining), Ron Cox (Bridges), Mary McMahon (Dublin's sewerage system), Olaf Schmidt-Rutsch and Garry Miley (Portlaw), Vincent Conaghan (New Mills, Donegal), Norman Campion (Shackleton's Mill, Lucan), Jean Farrelly (Shinrone – Ireland's last surviving glass furnace), and Fred Hamond (Flame – the Gasworks Museum of Ireland).

The articles are all in German, but the IHAI hopes eventually to republish them in English.



The cover of *Industrie-Kultur* shows the Allihes engine house, Bearhaven, Co Cork, recently conserved by the Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland.

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My thanks to Ron Cox and Norman Campion, Ron Cox and Mary McMahon for their contributions. Articles for the next issue will be gladly received by the editor Fred Hamond, 75 Locksley Park, Belfast BT10 0AS (email [frederick-hamond@utvinternet.com](mailto:frederick-hamond@utvinternet.com)).

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## Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland

### Autumn tour to North Tipperary and Offaly, 24-25 Sept 2002

This year's IHAI Tour focuses on North Tipperary and Birr, just over the county border in Offaly. On Saturday, Barry O'Reilly will lead a minibus tour of North Tipperary. In the morning, we visit Riverstown Bridge, Derrinsallow Mill and Bridge, New Bridge, Lorrha Watermill, Portland Harbour and Portumna Bridge. After lunch in Portumna, we travel on to Lehinch Windmill, Ballinderry Bridge and Watermill, Borrisokane Mill, Shinrone Glasshouse, and Carrig Windmill.

Sunday's excursions will be on foot and led by Fred Hamond and Ron Cox. In the morning, we visit Birr Demesne, taking in its bridges (including the earliest surviving suspension bridge in Ireland), telescope (in its day, the largest in the world and recently restored), and hydro-electric power station. After lunch, we take a leisurely stroll around the town, looking at more bridges, the former distillery and railway station.

The cost for the weekend is €25 (€40 to non-members). This includes transport and field notes, but not accommodation, meals or entry to Birr Demesne. Participants should arrange their own accommodation for Friday and Saturday nights. The choice of hotels in Birr is as follows:

Name	Location	Phone	Double room	Single room
Malting Guest House	Castle St	0509 21345	€37.50	€55
Spinners Town House	Castle St	0509 21673	€40	€50
Dooly's Hotel	Emmet Square	0509 20032	€55	€55
County Arms Hotel	Railway Road	0509 20791	€70	€85

Prices are per person per night for a two-night stay, including breakfast. The Malting Guest House is offering two nights b&b + one evening meal for €95 (sharing) and €120 (single) per person. Inquire at the other establishments for similar deals on weekend breaks.

Please complete the booking form below and return it to Fred Hamond by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. If you require further details, contact Barry on 052 32254 (email [boreilly@duchas.ie](mailto:boreilly@duchas.ie)) or Fred on 048 9061 6480 (email [frederick-hamond@utvinternet.com](mailto:frederick-hamond@utvinternet.com)).

Registration will take place in the reception area of the Maltings Guest House from 9am on Saturday morning. We will be commencing our tour from the Maltings at 9.30am. For those arriving on Friday evening, there will be an informal get-together in the Maltings bar from 9pm onwards.

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### IHAI Autumn Fieldtrip, 24-25 Sept 2005

Please register \_\_\_\_\_ persons for the IHAI fieldtrip.

I enclose a cheque for €\_\_\_\_\_ made out to 'IHAI' (€10 deposit per person).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **16<sup>th</sup> September** to Fred Hamond, 75 Locksley Pk, Belfast BT10 0AS, Northern Ireland.