

Industrial Archaeology Conference 2023

**Saturday
21 October
9.30 am to
4.30 pm**

*Town Hall,
St John's Street,
Devizes*

Tickets: £15
(WANHS members £13)

Industrial Archaeology
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Programme and Booking Form

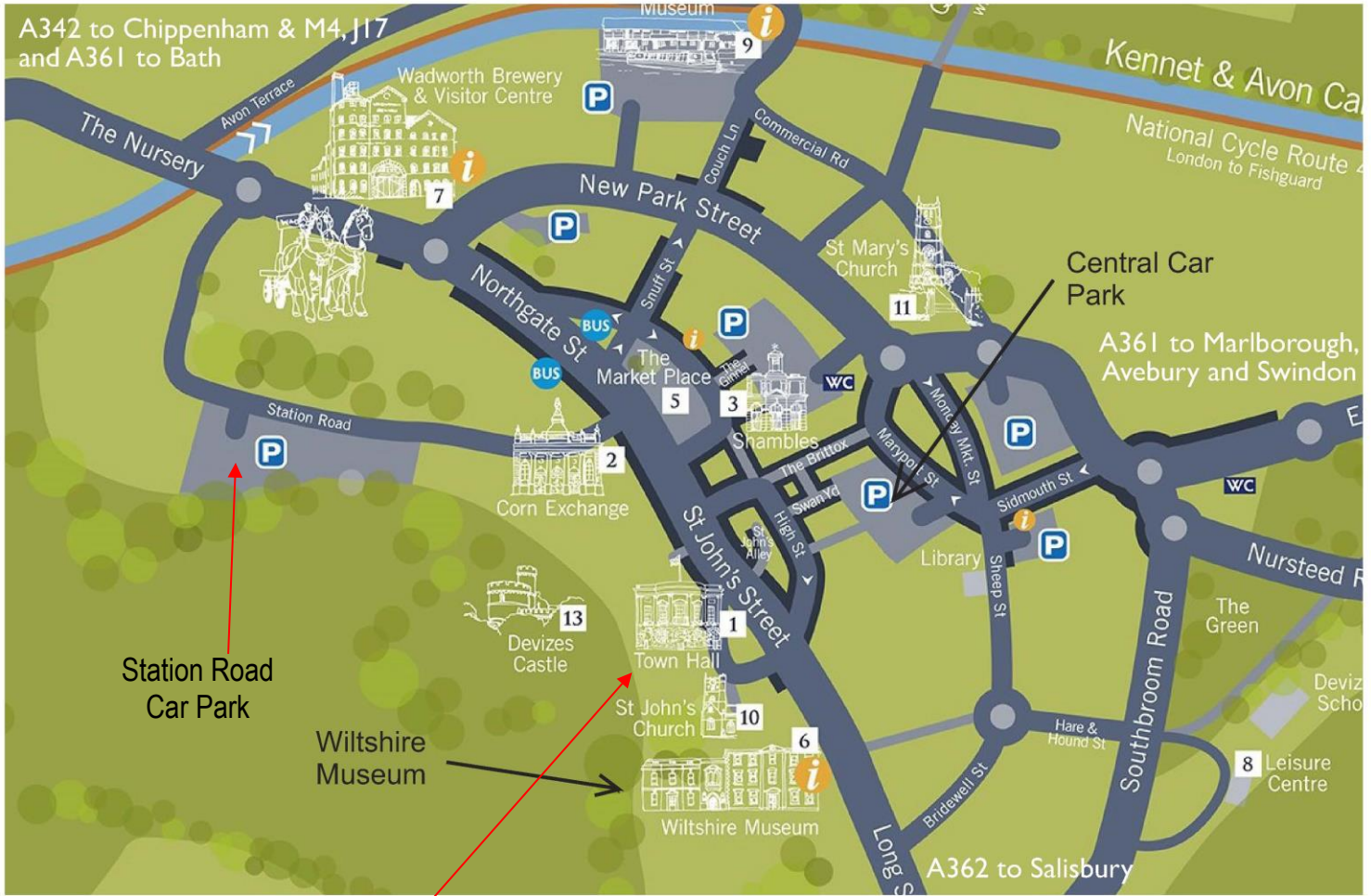


Swindon Engine House
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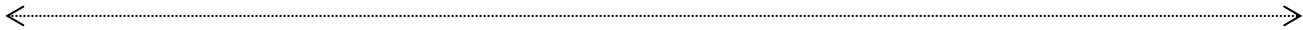
PROGRAMME

(may be subject to change)

- 9.30am REGISTRATION
- 10.00 WELCOME
- 10.05 **Building Georgian Chippenham – architects, builders and materials**, by Mike Stone (previously scheduled for 2022)
- 10.50 COFFEE
- 11.10 **Iron stone and Steam: Brunel's Railway Kingdom**,
by Tim Bryan, Director of the Brunel Institute
The completion of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's original Great Western Railway line from London to Bristol in 1841 confirmed his reputation as one the Victorian era's preeminent engineers and opened up opportunities to extend his broad-gauge railway empire across much of the West Country, Wales and the Midlands. Tim Bryan, Director of the Brunel Institute at the SS Great Britain Trust will tell the story of Brunel's railway projects drawing on research done for his new book 'Iron Stone & Steam: Brunel's Railway Kingdom' due to be published by Amberley in November 2023.
- 12.00 **Bath in the 1970s: Industrial Heritage, Environmental Conservation and Festivals**, by Stuart Burroughs, Director of the Bath at Work Museum
- 12.50 LUNCH (not provided)
- 14.15 **Restoring the Wilts and Berks Canal**, by John Farrow
- 15.00 TEA
- 15.25 **Taking to the road in Georgian Wiltshire** by John Chandler
The eighteenth century witnessed a transport revolution only a little less profound than the railways in the nineteenth, based on the efforts of turnpike trusts to improve the road system, and stagecoach proprietors to seize the opportunities that better roads presented, for faster, safer, and more efficient travel. Wiltshire, lying between the metropolis and the west country, was a key component of the developing inland transport network, and this talk will explore how the county and its travellers fared.
- 4.30 CONFERENCE ENDS



VENUE - **DEVIZES TOWN HALL** (St John's Street - just off The Market Place)
 PARKING - STATION ROAD CAR PARK (SN10 1BZ. Long stay at the very far end, Pay and Display). There is no parking at the Town Hall or Museum



BOOKING FORM: INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE 2023

I require ticket(s) at £15 each. I require ticket(s) at £13 each (WANHS members).

Cheque (made payable to 'WANHS Ltd') enclosed for £

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WILTSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The aims of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society (the Society) are to educate the public by promoting, fostering interest in, exploration, research and publication of the archaeology, art, history and natural history of Wiltshire for the public benefit. The Society was formed in 1853.

The Wiltshire Museum in Devizes, home to the best Bronze Age archaeology collection in Britain, is owned by the Society. Visitors can explore the galleries, see outstanding collections and find out more about the fascinating history of Wiltshire and its people over the last 6,000 years. Our collections are Designated by the government as being of national importance.

The Prehistoric Wiltshire Galleries tells the story of the people who built and used the world renowned monuments of Stonehenge and Avebury. Unique gold and amber objects dating back over 4,000 years to the Bronze Age – the time of shamans and priests, learning and culture across Europe – are on show. Two galleries show the history of Devizes and there is also a superb Saxon collection. There are fun activities for all the family throughout the Museum and special exhibitions are held throughout the year. Visit our website for details of current exhibitions and events.

We have an extensive Archive and Library, which is open to visitors and researchers and holds a comprehensive collection of printed material relating to all aspects of the archaeology, topography, genealogy, history, industrial history and natural history of Wiltshire. The Wiltshire record of milestones is held here and we are county co-ordinators for the Milestone Society.

For those interested in industrial archaeology the Society acts as a focal point in the county. Its biennial symposium attracts leading speakers and visitors from all over the southwest and Wales.

Become a member and assist in the maintenance of this unique collection. Members have free admission to the Museum and Library and also to the Salisbury Museum, the Dorset County Museum in Dorchester and the Stonehenge Visitor Centre. Members receive newsletters, the major academic annual publication *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine: Wiltshire Studies*, containing articles on Wiltshire's archaeology, history and natural history. There are lectures throughout the year with leading speakers and also archaeological walks and tours. Members receive reduced rate booking for most events.

Membership costs from £3.85 per month (£44.00 per annum). Contact the Membership Secretary for an information leaflet or visit our website.

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