

## General guidance and how to find us.

Welcome to the 48th South Wales and West of England Regional Industrial Archaeology Conference, to be held at the Llanhilleth Miners Institute, Llanhilleth, Blaenau Gwent

Leaving the M4 motorway at junction 28, follow the signs for The A467 road to Ebbw Vale and Brynmawr. Through the Traffic lights at Crumlin, with the former Navigation Colliery On the left, continue to follow signs to Ebbw Vale and Brynmawr. Follow designated signs to Llanhilleth Miners Institute.

Car parking is free and plentiful.

The A467 takes you all the way to Llanhilleth , approximately 11 Miles or 20 minutes drive time.

For train travellers, Arriva Trains operate an hourly service between Cardiff and Llanhilleth, the station being two minutes from the institute.

The venue has full access for disabled persons.

OHIHS website: [www.riscamuseum.org.uk](http://www.riscamuseum.org.uk)



# Oxford House Industrial History Society

**48th South Wales & West of England  
Regional Industrial Archaeology Conference**



*Navigation Colliery Crumlin*

**Saturday 29th April 2017  
Llanhilleth Miners Institute  
Llanhilleth, nr Abertillery  
Blaenau Gwent  
NP13 2JT**



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**Booking Form**

Please return the completed form together with your cheque made payable to Oxford House Industrial History Society,  
C/o Mrs Pat Ashton, Treasure  
11 Maindee Road,  
Cwmfelinfach,  
Ynysddu.  
NP11 7HQ

**Bookings**

These prices will include morning coffee and biscuits, lunchtime hot meal and afternoon tea and biscuits. A vegetarian option will be available on request.  
Tables are available for society displays and book sales.  
The Miners Institute has full wheelchair access.

Number of tickets required @ £19:00	
Vegetarian lunch option – number required	

Cheque payable to Oxford House Industrial History Society, £  
Please print your details below,

Name:

Address

Email / telephone:

Please reserve a display space and table: YES/NO

Please indicate the number of places required on each field visit below.

A. Six Bell's Guardian Statue.	
B. Monmouthshire Canal 14 Locks, Newport/ Rogerstone.	
C. Oxford House Museum / Model Railway (authentic layout)	
D. The Spiteful	

Please enclose a stamped address envelope with your booking form and cheque. We will send you by return an acknowledgement together with an up to date programme.

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**Offered menu for the lunch time meal:**

Hot Ham, Hot roast Beef, New Potatoes & Vegetables, Gravy.

There will also be: Green Salad, Cucumber, Tomatoes & Peppers.

All usual side dishes: Coleslaw, Potato salad, etc. Bread roll & butter.

Desserts: Profiteroles & Cream, Cheesecake & Fruit Salad.  
After dinner mints.

Tea or Coffee

**Field Visits**

**A. THE Guardian.**

*An explosion at the Six Bells colliery on the 2 8th June 1960 resulted in the deaths of 45 miners. Exactly 50 years later the Archbishop of Canterbury unveiled a memorial on the site of the colliery. The Guardian is an iconic 66 ft statue designed and created by Sebastian Boyesen and consisting of thousands of steel ribbons. It is located about 2 miles north of Llanhilleth with a flat short walk from the car park. There is a small museum opposite the car park.*

**B. Fourteen Locks.**

*The Cefn Flight of fourteen locks was probably the most ambitious engineering project, when the Crumlin arm of the Monmouthshire Canal was constructed in 1790 under the watchful eye of the engineer Thomas Dadford jun.*

**C. Oxford House Museum.**

*The museum has a unique collection of artifacts relating to our industrial past. Also a complete Edwarden Chemist Shop, which must be seen to be belived. Plus, an addition on the upper floor of a working Model Railway.*

**D. The Spiteful.**

*A dispute in the early 1800's led to a row of cottages being built across a proposed tramroad. The full story will be told in the final conference lecture. You visit the actual site where the remains of the cottages and remnants of the tramroad are still visible. The car park is in Abercarn, just off the A467 the main road from the conference to the M4. There is a short easy walk to the site.*



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## Morning Programme

- 9:15 Registration and Coffee/ Biscuits
- 10:00 Introduction and welcome  
*Robin Williams* President of OHIHS  
Conference will be opened by *Richard Keen*  
Chairman of the Association of Preservation  
Trusts Wales
- 10:15 50 years of Building Bridges.  
*John Evans.*
- 11:00 John Nixon The Coal Trade to France.  
*Brian Davies.*
- 11:45 Shipbuilding in the Lower Wye Valley.  
*Dr Naylor Frith.*
- 12:30 Lunch.

## Afternoon Programme

- 2:00 Hughesovska and the Welsh Development of the  
Russian Iron Industry.  
*David Cartwright.*
- 2:45 Tram Roads of the Clydach Gorge.  
*Robin Williams.*
- 3:30 Afternoon Tea
- 3:50 The Spiteful Story.  
*Len Burland.*
- 4:35 Summary and Close of Conference.  
The programme will end at about 4:40pm.  
Then OHIHS members will lead short field visits  
in the local area. Please indicate on the booking  
form which field visit you wish to attend.
- 4:45 Walks/Visit programme
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