

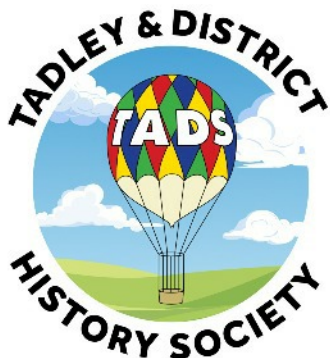


Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

The Mayor of Basingstoke, Councillor Paul Miller, reads the Proclamation of the accession of Prince Charles to be King Charles III. The reading was in front of the Willis Museum on 11th September.



Long live the King



September 2022

TADS Newsletter

Website - www.tadshistory.com

Next Meeting - Wednesday 21st September at 8 pm, at
St. Paul's Church, The Green, Tadley.

‘The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst’

By Richard Anderson

Richard will talk about the history of The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS), where all officers in the British Army are trained to take on the responsibility of leading their soldiers. All officer cadets learn to live by the academy's motto: ‘Serve to Lead’ during training.

Other Nations choose to send their personnel to RMAS for Officer training because it is recognised as a world-leading military training academy.

(Everybody welcome - visitors £3.00)

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Future TADS talks:

19th October - Whiteknights Park - from the Marquess of Blandford to the University of Reading.

By Ian Burn

TADS Meeting 20th July 2022

Twyford Waterworks Trust.

by Matthew Feldwick.

Who'd have thought 'A Fascinating Day Out' would allude to a 5-acre site like this.... Ah, but Twyford Waterworks is a Hampshire Scheduled Ancient Industrial Monument, Hampshire's first in the 20th Century. Small is beautiful. The Southern Water owned waterworks comprises a boiler house, a steam engine house and a diesel engine house. Also, lime kilns, a lime mixing area, a filtering house – a by-product of filtered 'gunge' being a toothpaste base and formerly used in Eucryl Smokers' toothpowder (it was very abrasive though).

Add to the above a Southdowns chalk downland Nature Reserve, a tea room AND the piece de resistance: a narrow gauge miniature railway and you have Big Boys' Toys assured....

Matthew is an amazingly enthusiastic teller of the tale and he and his Dad, his family and other volunteers, probably have chalk as well as blood flowing through their veins. And Matthew said chalk under his fingernails as well.... such is their devotion to this unique, preserved Victorian-Edwardian water pumping station.

The aquifers are approximately 150 feet below and still supply water today, as they did for World War II D-Day landings and Southampton's Cruise ships even now. The Winchester and Eastleigh urban areas use 3.1/2 – 4 million gallons per day.

As the site's buildings are so old the up-keep is constant, Matthew said, with having to replace cylinder heads, piston rings etc. etc. and fire bricks. Perish the thought that some 1970s wags suggested demolishing the whole Twyford Waterworks.....

A wealthy chap called Baldwin Latham had been the first engineer. He always arrived at work in style, firstly in a horse and carriage and latterly by Daimler car. The 1880s had seen Southampton Water Company providing a steady source of water from within the chalk and by 1910 it was in great demand – because of urban expansion. Post World War II there was a desire for modernisation but happily the 'Ancient Industrial Monument' status put paid to that.

A triple expansion giant Hathorn Davey steam engine had been installed in 1917. It drove pumps to raise water from the wells and also to pump water to the reservoir. It could deliver 11 megalitres per day to the customer. Three Ruston diesel engines were installed in 1934 when the Works was extended. These powered the centrifugal pumps supplying 17 megalitres per day – one is still in the wooden hut where it was put 'temporarily' in 1934. Asbestos reared its ugly head with the 2002 Asbestos Act and Matthew, his Dad and others applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £800,000 to pay for the remedial work. Quite predictably the final bill will be £2.1 million by this July, 2022. Luckily the site was re-vamped, up-dated and an Education Centre, a new workshop, more loos and the cherished industrial railway are included.

Matthew reminded us of the wildlife reserve there. With no farming on the land for over a century you'll see a glimpse of the past where 270 species and plants still flourish; there are slow worms, butterflies, damselflies, a pond and a Bird Hide.

All this is open to the public at special times.

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic, fact-packed talk, Matthew. I am sure many of us will sally forth the approximate 25 miles south from Tadley, to your industrial gem.

Rosemary Bond.

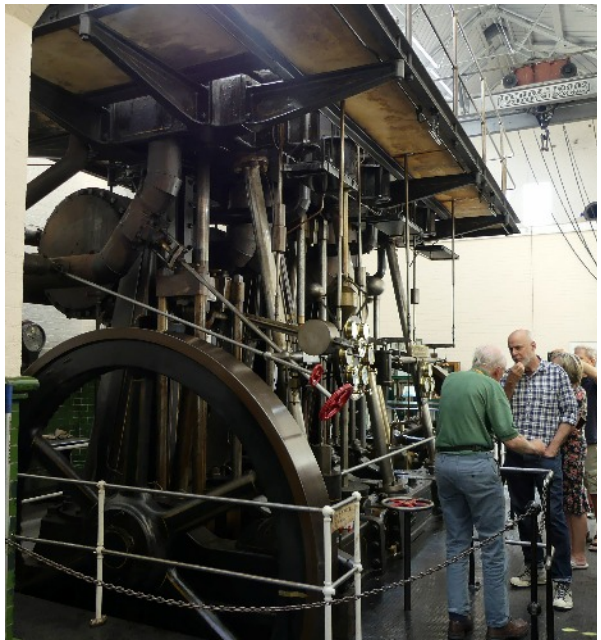
www.twyfordwaterworks.co.uk or Tel: 01962 714716

The next open day is Sunday 2nd October from 11 am to 4 pm.



Twyford Waterworks

The imposing Hawthorn Davey triple expansion steam engine.



TADS project papers: 2021-

TADS project group meet on an informal basis to research aspects of Tadley's history. Over the years the group has published several books and pamphlets. (Information on those in print and how to purchase copies is given on the Publications page of the TADS website).

In 2021 the project group decided to start collecting some of its research together and producing short papers. These are being 'published' on the website and will be added to intermittently. They can be found under Projects. Each paper has a pdf version available which will be better for printing or saving.

The first four papers are:

01 The Burberry Equestrian Knight – protection, chivalry, reform.

02 The passenger with Cody: William Henry Brereton Evans (1883-1913).

03 Herbert Harlakenden Gilchrist – Artist and Author (1857-1914)

04 Tadley and the Great Plague.

01 & 04 have not been published before.

The Women's Land Army of World War II.

Anvilarts write- we have Lilies on the Land coming to The Haymarket on Fri 30 Sep, and we thought your audience might be interested; a truly remarkable and sparkling piece of theatre which celebrates an extraordinary episode in Britain's history – the Women's Land Army of World War II.

This is the link: <https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/whats-on/event/lilies-on-the-land>

What's on? Events which may be of interest.

Milestones Museum is open. The website to buy admission tickets online and pre-book a day and time to visit can be found at:

<https://www.milestonesmuseum.org.uk/>

Their next special event is Halloween half term, 22-31 October.

The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery

<https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/willis-museum-and-sainsbury-gallery>

Until 16 Oct. **Mythomania.** A series of stunning 2D and sculptural works which explore humanity's ongoing fascination with mythical stories – from ancient Greek legends to modern superheroes and 'fake news'.

Friends of the Willis Museum (7.30pm at the Museum - Non-members £3, and book through the Museum on 01256 465902)

20 Oct - AGM

Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society (7.30 at Church Cottage, Basingstoke)

13 Oct. Rubbish or Ritual in Romano British Rivers by Professor Hella Eckardt – Head of Dept. of Archaeology, Reading University.

NB. The museums will be closed on 19th September the day of the State Funeral.

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