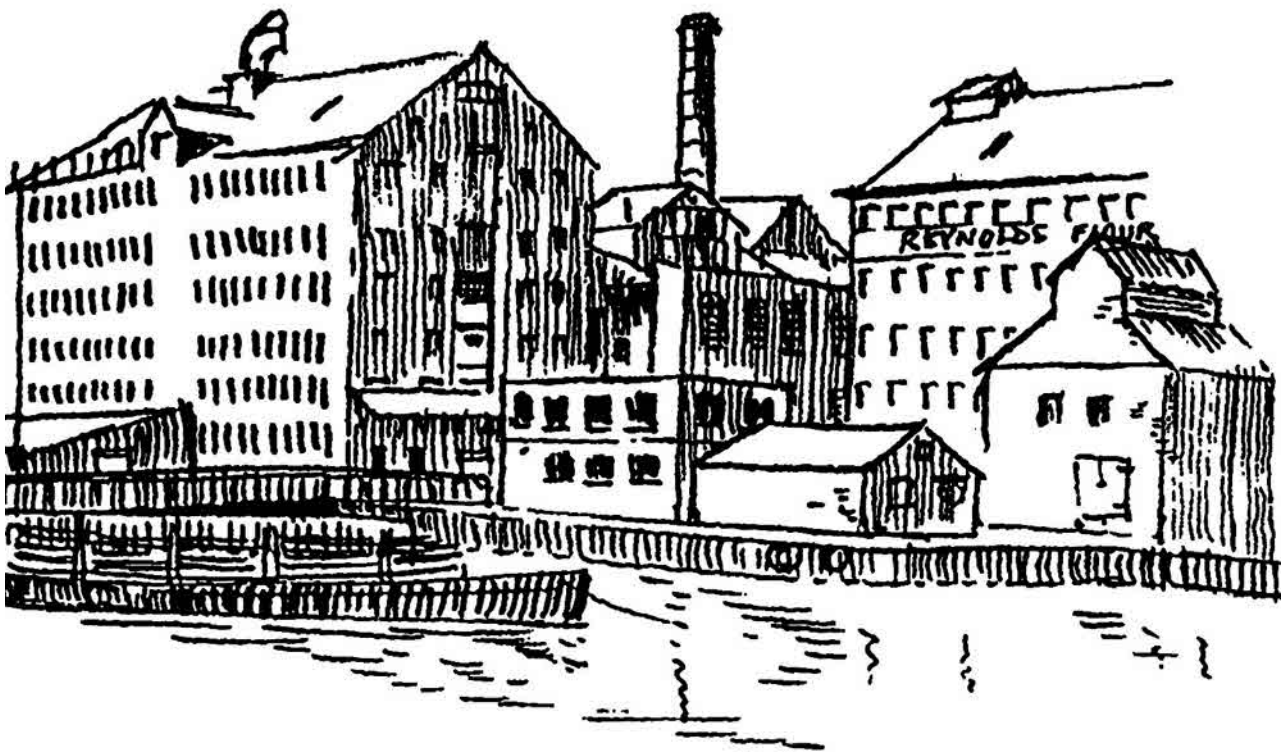


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Editorial

The highlight for the Society during the past year has been the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Tramroad. The main event for members took place in Gloucester Docks on Saturday 4th June 2011, 200 years to the day after the official opening. We were delighted to welcome Sir Neil Cossons, Professor Angus Buchanan and Dr Brenda Buchanan as our guests at the event which was held near the pair of replica tramroad wagons which were installed the previous year. We received good press and radio coverage and we produced an eight page illustrated booklet on the history of the tramroad which has been circulated to members and the general public.

Once again the articles in the Journal cover a diverse range of topics and geographically span the whole County from the Forest of Dean to the Cotswolds. Steve Mills has continued his long standing interest in Millend Mill in his home parish of Eastington near Stonehouse. His present article summarises the latter part of the mill's long history. It then goes on to provide an account of a watching brief he maintained during 2009 when the main stone mill was gutted and the mill's various additional wings, malting kiln and part of the roof were demolished. Pat Morris relates the story of Factory Cottages, Lydney, a terrace of small houses, now demolished, that were alongside the 'Cut' or Pidcock's Canal south of Lydney town centre.

The restoration of the Cotswold Canals continues to gain momentum and as usual Theo Stening brings us up to date with progress along the full length of the two canals with the tenth of his annual reports on the project. He has also provided us with an account of how Henry Ford, the founder of the Ford Motor Company purchased a cottage at Chedworth in 1929 and an old forge at Snowhill in 1930 and had them shipped over to Dearborn, Michigan, USA where they were re-erected at his open-air museum there. The Malt House at Chipping Campden is described by Amber Patrick, who investigated the building when it was being restored and converted to provide additional facilities for the Seymour House Hotel.

Peter Griffin writes about the journal that Charles Richardson, a pupil of I K. Brunel kept between February 1835 and July 1838, when for much of the time Richardson was working on the construction of the railway between Swindon and Gloucester. This provides a fascinating insight to aspects of both his working and social life. The pumping engine house at Gloucester Docks has served a vital role in the operation of the docks since the outset and its history is related here by Hugh Conway-Jones.

Frank Colls, the visits organiser, together with the various leaders, produced another very interesting and enjoyable series of Summer Visits and the customary reports are included here. Unfortunately, this year there is only sufficient space for a single page of book reviews and notices of new books.

As ever, we must thank all of the contributors for the very interesting articles they have provided. Hugh Conway-Jones must also be thanked for his usual invaluable help with the production of the Journal.

Ray Wilson August 2011

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