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Industrial Heritage Talk (by Zoom):

Sharpness Docks, Past, Present and Future

with Dr Ray Wilson [Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology]

Monday 19 April 2021 at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm



It comes as a surprise to many people that Gloucestershire still has a working port at Sharpness. The Old Dock was opened in 1827 to provide an entrance from the River Severn into the newly constructed Gloucester & Berkeley Canal.

In 1874, the New Dock was opened with large warehouses and extensive cargo handling facilities which soon led to the demise of Gloucester Docks at the other end of the canal.

This fully illustrated talk starts with the origins and construction of the Docks and goes on to look at the vessels, cargoes, buildings and of course the social history of the last two centuries. It concludes with a look at the Docks today and what the future may hold for them.

There is no charge for the talk, but it will be necessary to register in order to obtain a unique link to access the talk, as there will be a limit on numbers set by the Zoom licence. Further information about joining the meeting and getting started with Zoom meetings in general is available at:- <https://gsia.org.uk/zoom>. [NB Neither a microphone or video camera is needed if you just want to watch the talk and not take part in any discussion.]

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