

## **WADIHS Weekend 2013    North Somerset**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

### **Provisional Programme**

This far ahead final arrangements, because of winter shutdowns and maintenance programmes, have yet to be agreed with all locations but it looks like it will be as follows. We have visited all the locations. Please visit the Websites for an excellent overview of the treats in store.

**Maps:** OS Explorer 142 and 155. 3 for 2 at Waterstones at the moment.

#### **Friday afternoon**

**Radstock Museum. [www.radstockmuseum.co.uk](http://www.radstockmuseum.co.uk)**

Comprehensive displays on extraction and processing industries.

Introductory talk/s on North Somerset Industrial History including coal-mining, stone extraction, canal and railway building from either Museum staff or a member of Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society. If time permits and subject to availability, visit the Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust in Midsomer Norton. [www.sdjr.co.uk](http://www.sdjr.co.uk)

#### **Saturday**

**Somerset Coal Canal [www.coalcanal.org](http://www.coalcanal.org)**

Guided walk by a member of the Somerset Coal Canal Society of some of the recently revealed 22 stair-case lock system enabling coal transport from Radstock and Paulton to the Kennet & Avon Canal. Various books available on SCC on line print on demand. See Abebooks for range of offers.

Lunch at the canal café at Limpley Stoke and a walk to see the Dundas Aqueduct and junction of the SCC with the K & A.

**Saltford Brass mill Project [www.brassmill.com](http://www.brassmill.com)**

On the River Avon between Bath & Bristol. Visit & guided talk on this survivor of the region's former extensive Brass industry. Joan Day (1973) *Bristol Brass A History of the Industry*. David & Charles

**Radstock Hotel**

By arrangement with the hotel we shall be playing skittles on their alley after our evening meal.

#### **Sunday**

**Avon Valley Railway, Bitton Railway Station [www.avonvalleyrailway.org](http://www.avonvalleyrailway.org)**

Scheduled to be in steam. We shall go for a ride and lunch in the carriage buffet at the station.

## **Claverton Pumping Engine [www.claverton.org](http://www.claverton.org)**

Supplies water from the River Avon to top up the Kennet & Avon canal. If arrangements can be made, we shall visit this in the afternoon.

### **Accommodation**

Sparse, so first come.... Unless you choose to stay in Bristol or Bath, North Somerset has few places to stay and prices are very variable. We stayed at the Radstock Hotel which conveniently faces the Radstock Museum. It has a large car-park.

**The reason why you are getting this letter so early this year is that the chosen weekend is also likely to be that of the Mid Somerset Festival so if you wish to come please book now.**

### **Radstock Hotel**

**01761 420776 [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) type in Radstock**

relaxinnzsupport@hotelinfo-online.net 0845 8053478

There are 10 rooms available at competitive prices in various combinations and this will be our main centre for evening eating and time together. Evening menu extensive and hearty.

Alternatives nearby are:

**Fromeway Hotel** [www.fromeway.co.uk](http://www.fromeway.co.uk)

Two rooms available. Small discount for more than one night.

**Glebe House** [www.glebehouse.me.uk](http://www.glebehouse.me.uk)

One room available. Small discount for more than one night.

Others are Best Western plus Centurion Hotel: The Old Malt House Hotel, Radford, Timsbury. The Moody Goose at the Old Priory Hotel, Midsomer Norton. See them all online.

All sites will require transport by car, so if you are going car share will be necessary. Finally, the weather. Much of Saturday will be out of doors and because of limited parking, car sharing essential. Walking am on old canal line will be on rising gradient across roughish grassland but when we visited well trodden. Good walking boots and wet weather gear necessary.

Maps:

Please let me know when you have made your hotel booking. 0208 386 9504

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