

## ***North East Derbyshire Industrial Archaeology Society***

Our interests are of the industrial heritage of this north-east corner of Derbyshire, an area with a very long and strong history of manufacturing industry, from paper products and ceramics through to heavy engineering. An area where waterpower and coal provided the energy, and where turnpike roads, canals and railways were developed to aid distribution. The Society brings together like minds that have an interest in the subject at whatever level, from the curious, to those who already have extensive knowledge.

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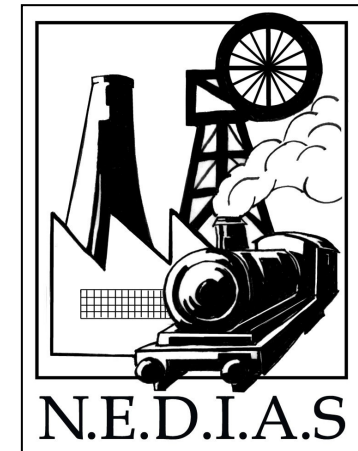
### **MEETINGS VENUE**

**St. Thomas' Church Centre,  
Chatsworth Road, Brampton,  
Chesterfield S40 3AW**

(Directly opposite Vauxhall garage/ Bristol  
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### **MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2018**



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# NEDIAS 2018 Talks Programme

## Monday 8 January, 7.30

Jane Middleton-Smith: “The History of Smedley’s Mill “.

John Smedley’s mill at Lea Bridge was the one originally built by Peter Nightingale in the early 1780s, and acquired by John Smedley some years later. Hear the full story, recounted by the Archivist of this famous early cotton mill and historic company.

## Monday 12 February, 7.30pm

Christine and Alan Piper: “The Industrial History of Lumsdale”

Lumsdale Valley is a scheduled ancient monument, a site of archaeological and national importance. The mills and the associated water management features form one of the best examples in Great Britain of a water powered industrial archaeological site.

## Monday 12 March, 7:30pm:

Doug Jenkinson: "Recovery of Barytes from Lead mine Waste and its use at the Butterley Co's Denby Hall Washery"

... it follows our AGM

## Monday 9 April

### MEETING CANCELLED

ALSO NOTE CHANGE TO MAY TALK

## Monday 14 May 2017, 7:30pm:

Maureen Greenland & Russ Day:  
• “The life of Bryan Donkin”

Have you read the latest biography of this famous entrepreneur?

We are privileged this evening to have the two authors with us in this, the year of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Bryan Donkin

## Monday 10 September, 7.30:

Bob Gellatly: “The Tennessean: a journey from Washington to Memphis”

Bob’s presentation is about a journey he made in August last year, tracing the route of the famous Tennessean railway. An added bonus is that this coincided with the solar eclipse which occurred during the journey.

## Monday 8 October, 7.30

Cliff Lea: “The Centenary of the Chesterfield area oilwells—Britains first oilfield of 100 years ago.”

It was in 1918, just as WW1 was drawing to a close, that Britain’s first systematic oil exploration took place, and the first oilwells were sunk close to us. Hear about the famous Tibshelf well spudded in 1918, about Britain’s first “fracking” which took place at Heath later in 1922, and about the first oil industry related death which sadly took place so close to home at the well on Brimington Common.

## Monday 12 November, 7.30

John Barnatt: “Excavating an late 18th century Newcomen Engine at Watergrove Mine”

John recently gave this talk at the Elsecar early steam engine conference

## Monday 10 December, 7:30pm

**Christmas meeting.** Talks from members. Accompanied of course by mince pies!

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