

The group usually meets monthly at 2pm in the Goods Shed after the monthly U3A talk. In the summer we generally like to go on visits to local places of historical interest. In the other half of the year we usually have a talk from one of the members followed by questions and discussion. We encourage members to follow their own interests but there is no pressure to make formal presentations. Any ideas for visits, research or discussion are always welcome.

### **Next meeting 18 April - Industrial Archeology Visit - Nailsworth - Dudbridge - Stroudwater**

The next meeting will be a visit to various points of historical interest on the road from Nailsworth to Dudsbridge and beyond, coming back via Brimscombe Port. It might be a long afternoon so we shall start at the Goods Shed at 1.30pm. We shall stop at various locations as the situation allows and do some short walks, but no more than a couple of hundred metres on the level.

Items of interest on the way - former Nailsworth Station, Dunkirk Mills, Woodchester Wayside Cross (the first WWI war memorial in England), former Woodchester station (including the round tower), Stroud Piano works, Rooksmoor mills, Erinoid factory (Bath Road industrial estate), former Dudsbridge station and Kimmell's Mill (Sainsbury's car park), the Ocean (on the Stroudwater), former Stroud Cheapside MR station and Brimscombe Port.

### **Future Programme**

Our future programme currently looks like this:

15 May - 2pm Tour of Minchinhampton Common - meet at Goods Shed for short introduction, then travel to the common.

13 June - Possible visit to churches with Pugin and arts and crafts connections (Tetbury St Saviours, Selsley?), local churchyards (inc Commonwealth War Graves, Leighterton?) sites with research into burials, leader needed

17 July - 2pm Goods Shed. Spanish Civil War - introduction by Elena followed by discussion.

August - no U3A monthly meeting, visit by History Group? local battlefields? Stop Line Green? any other suggestions? leader needed.

Sep - Talk - The Malayan Emergency - by Liz Kelley

Oct - Talk "Jolly Jack Tar? Life below decks in Nelson's navy" by Bob Kelley

Nov - Talk - volunteer leader and subject needed