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The committee is very pleased to report that the website for the collection has now been set up and can be browsed by one and all. The web address is:

http://www.sbe.hw.ac.uk/ICE_Museum/collection.htm

There are missing images for a small number of items and we are currently rectifying this. We hope that this site will raise interest and awareness in the collection. Any comments about the website would be gratefully received.

Over the last year a few more items have been donated to the collection and these include a pair of experimental (archery) bows made by Professor Edwards from pre-stressed concrete (item 2010/005). The other items include a *Sinclair Cambridge* electronic calculator (2010/002), a *Fearns* circular slide rule (2010/003) and an unusual levelling staff (2010/008) with the measuring face on a roller which unwinds as the staff is raised. If anyone knows more about this levelling staff we would be pleased to hear from them.

Special visitors viewing the collection this year have included, the PHEW annual Scottish party visit (July), direct descendants of leading Scottish railway engineer, Thomas Grainger, whose portrait features in the collection (June), and a working party of professors from Nigeria who were particularly interested in our exceptional Forth Bridge exhibits (October).

We plan to improve the display of exhibits during the coming year and hopefully to obtain a display case in which to show off our magnificent transit instrument used for setting out Talla Aqueduct. We are always keen to enhance our collection and would be pleased to consider accepting any relevant items members or friends may wish to donate.



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