

Institution of Civil Engineers - Scotland Museum

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In July 2016 Sir William McAlpine unveiled our recently acquired locomotive nameplate *The Institution of Civil Engineers*. The event was attended by some 20 invitees. The nameplate, removed from class 90/0 electric locomotive 90029, is displayed on Level 1 in the main museum area at the east end of the William Arrol Building.

Last year we reported the museum had acquired a spacious new cabinet which now houses our collection of surveying instruments. In November we expect delivery of another new cabinet to house some of the larger tools we have hitherto been unable to display.

Over the past year the museum has accepted a further eighteen donations including three electronic calculators, a small brass protractor and other drawing instruments donated by Ann Loch, widow of the late Norman Loch former lecturer at Heriot-Watt University.

In August last year Professor Roland Paxton was interviewed by a major Japanese TV company for a documentary stemming from the Forth Bridge being awarded World Heritage Status. Roland was interviewed for nearly two hours by their 4-man camera team against the museum's Forth Bridges items. He received a considerate letter of thanks and a DVD of the documentary from the producer.

On the administrative front, in February the museum agreed a five year renewable loan with Heriot-Watt University to replace the previous permanent loan arrangement.

Of interest, but not associated with the museum, Professor Paxton has donated an important and significant archive of items from the consulting engineering practice of Carfrae & Morrison, Edinburgh to Heriot-Watt University Library. The archive includes day books, field books and plans from the 19th century. Anyone interested should approach the university library.

Finally, as always, we are looking to enhance our collection and would be pleased to consider accepting any relevant items ICE members or friends may wish to donate.



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