

Institution of Civil Engineers - Scotland Museum

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This year for the first time the museum took part in the Edinburgh Doors Open Day event at the end of September. Despite being well out of town at Heriot-Watt University's Edinburgh Campus, forty visitors arrived and were entertained by a series of hour long guided tours round museum. The main feature of the day was a focus on the Forth bridges. We were able to lay out a number of items which we are unable to have on permanent display. The feedback from the visitors was very positive and we are encouraged to repeat our association with the event next year.

In early September rather later than anticipated we were pleased to have a new cabinet installed. In this cabinet we have placed a number of exhibits including tools used in tar laying.

During the year the museum has accepted a further fifteen donations including:

- a level made by Miller & Adie in Edinburgh c.1815 and used in Dunion Quarry, near Jedburgh
- a level made by A Adie & Son in Edinburgh c.1860
- cable strands, a cable stay pipe and a cable anchor plate from the Queensferry Crossing
- a box sextant and optical square

The Museum's catalogue is online at https://web.sbe.hw.ac.uk/ICE_Museum/ where the collection is amply described item by item. The committee is pleased to offer guided tours of the museum and anyone wishing to participate should contact myself to arrange a suitable time.

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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