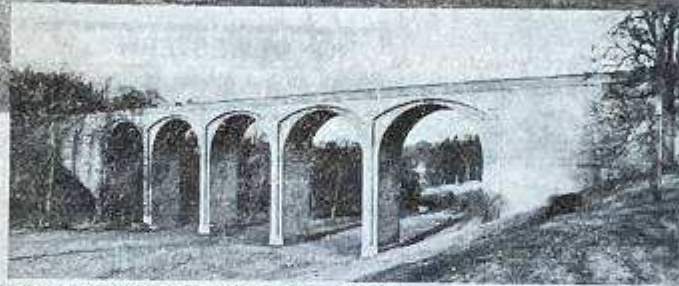


#### EAST OF SCOTLAND

### Borders to publish book on bridges

The local group of the Panel for Historical Engineering Works is to produce another booklet (*NCE* 6 September 1979). This time it will be about bridges in the borders of which there are at least 25 of major importance. In the area there are works by Telford, Rennie, both Browns, Smeaton and Stephenson.

'Since the booklet will be about schemes which are less well known than the Forth bridge, Dean bridge and Leith



*Rennie's Musselburgh bridge (1808) and, inset, Telford's Pathhead bridge (1829).*

docks we were originally concerned that it might not be so successful' says co-author Roland Paxton. 'It will include information never before published and give details about bridges which are not well documented and usually ignored in even the best guide books.'

Last week the committee decided that there was both a need and a financial case for the booklet. It also agreed that there should be a visit to

some of the bridges on Saturday 31 May. Bookings are already open and it should be a very exciting day led by Paxton and his co-author Ted Ruddock.

Once again the booklet, which will be a guide to all the bridges and not just to those to be inspected on the tour, will be for general sale. The Forth bridge booklet is now out of print but it is hoped to reprint it soon.

The tour will start from

Edinburgh and go first to Gattonside — Redpath Brown's first suspension bridge — and then on to see Telford's bridge at Pathhead and Rennie's at Kelso. Next on the list will be Smeaton's bridge at Coldstream and then Captain Samuel Brown's Union wrought iron chain suspension bridge. This is the oldest in Britain still used by vehicles.

At Berwick there will be a tour of the mediaeval walls and fortifications and Stephenson's Royal Border and Mouchel and Partners' concrete bridges over the Tweed.

The return journey will include Rennie's bridge at Musselburgh, his monument at Duglass and David Henderson's dramatic bridge over the gorge at Pease.

'Quite enough for one day' comments Paxton dryly 'but the more comprehensive booklet guide will be useful for other visits to the borders.'