



JOHN SMEATON FRS
Civil Engineer



1724 - 1792

*An Exhibition to commemorate
John Smeaton's Life and Works*

Institution of Civil Engineers
6 July - 28 August 1992

SCOTTISH RECORD OFFICE
Edinburgh
October - 6 November 1992

Museum of Transport, Glasgow
10 November - 31 December 1992

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The Institution of Civil Engineers

SMEATON BICENTENARY EVENTS

It is little known that John Smeaton, builder of Eddystone Lighthouse, distinguished engineering scientist, and the English speaking world's first "Civil Engineer", made a fundamental contribution to the well-being of Scotland during the Industrial Revolution through his harbour, bridge, power, mill-work, canal and river improvements. Of more than fifty such schemes in Scotland, including the Forth and Clyde Canal and Perth Bridge, at least twelve are still making a useful contribution to society after more than two centuries and many are now of outstanding historical and environmental significance.

The Institution has taken the opportunity of the bicentenary of Smeaton's death on 28 October to commemorate his life and work, and in Scotland, with the valued partnership of the Scottish Record Office, the Museum of Transport, Glasgow, British Waterways, and the Roads Department, Tayside Regional Council, has organised the following programme of public events.

Introduction and Lecture
SMEATON in SCOTLAND
by Roland Paxton, Heriot-Watt University
at the Royal Society of Edinburgh
22/24 George Street, Edinburgh
on 21 OCTOBER 1992, at 6.00pm
(Tea 5.30pm)
Contact : Dr Alan Sibbald (031.455.2472)

Lecture
The LIFE LONG LEARNING of JOHN SMEATON
by Ted Ruddock, Edinburgh University
at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow
Level 5 Conference Suite
on 25 FEBRUARY 1993 at 6.15pm
(Coffee 5.30pm)
Contact : Alec Coull (041.339.8855 extn 5200)

Lecture
SMEATON in SCOTLAND
by Roland Paxton, Heriot-Watt University
at the Royal Scottish Automobile Club,
Blythswood Square, Glasgow
on 12 NOVEMBER 1992, at 6.15pm
(Coffee 5.30pm)
Contact : Professor Alec Coull
(041.339.8855 extn. 5200)

Lecture
The LIFE LONG LEARNING of JOHN SMEATON
by Ted Ruddock, Edinburgh University
at the Royal Society of Edinburgh
22/24 George Street, Edinburgh
on 3 MARCH 1993 at 6.00pm
(Tea 5.30pm)
Contact : Dr Alan Sibbald (031.455.2472)

Exhibition
JOHN SMEATON - CIVIL ENGINEER
at the Scottish Record Office
West Register House
Charlotte Square, Edinburgh
from 5 OCTOBER to 6 NOVEMBER 1992
Monday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm
Contact : Dr Margaret H B Sanderson
(031.556.6585 extn 2139)

Visit
FORTH and CLYDE CANAL
including boat trip and inspection of Aqueduct
Kirkintilloch and **PERTH BRIDGE**
including an inspection with the engineer
responsible for its maintenance
on Saturday 5 JUNE 1993
Numbers limited. For places, from 5 January, contact
Mrs Sandra Purves (031.556.9242 extn 295)
Approximate cost £10.

Exhibition
JOHN SMEATON - CIVIL ENGINEER
at the Museum of Transport
Kelvin Hall, Glasgow
from 10 NOVEMBER to 31 DECEMBER 1992
Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm
Sunday 11.00am to 5.00pm
Contact : Gordon Masterton (041.204.2511)

Admission to all events free except for the Visit
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Engineering

Works with the full co-operation of the Institution's
Archive Panel and Scottish Local Associations
Contact : Roland Paxton (031.449.5111 extn 4422)