

Meeting at *Catalyst* Museum and Science Discovery Centre, Widnes, Cheshire, Saturday 2 March 2013

The Historical Group traditionally holds its meetings in London, but if we are to explore the development of the chemical industry in one of its major strongholds in the nineteenth century, i.e. the North-West of England, then it is appropriate that we should hold the meeting where it all happened. *Catalyst* is located in a former ICI laboratory, and it contains an interesting museum of the chemical industry. There **will be a charge** for attending this meeting and **pre-registration is essential**. Full details of the programme are as follows:

The History of the Chemical Industry in the Runcorn – Widnes Area

Saturday March 2, 2013

Catalyst Museum and Science Discovery Centre, Mersey Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 0DF

Programme

10.15 Coffee and tea

10.45 Welcome

10.50 Dr John Beacham, CBE, DSc: *Runcorn's Chemical Foundation, or Location, Location, Location*

11.30 Dr John Hudson, FRSC: *Leblanc Widnes*

12.10 LUNCH

13.25 Peter Reed, Independent Researcher: *"Widnes: Where's there's muck, there's brass!"*

14.00 Launch of book by Gerald Hayes, MRSC: *The Catalyst Triangle - Mathieson, McKechnie and Wigg*.

14.10 Dr Diana Leitch, FRSC: *Runcorn and Widnes in the first half of the 20th century*

14.55 Dr Vincent Attwood, MInstP: *Nuclear Bomb Work at Runcorn during WW2*

15.15 TEA

15.35 Prof. Colin Suckling, OBE, DSc, FRSE: *The Latter Days of the Widnes Research Laboratory*.

16.05 Dr Jenny Clucas, MRSC: *Runcorn and Widnes – the future*

16.45 Closing remarks and Close of Meeting

There is ample free parking at Catalyst. For directions go to www.catalyst.org.uk
Nearest station is Runcorn; walk over the bridge or take a taxi. A convenient train departs Euston 0807, arrives 0955.

REGISTRATION FORM

The History of the Chemical industry in the Runcorn – Widnes Area and enclose a cheque for £15, payable to the RSC Historical Group. This charge includes a sandwich lunch morning and afternoon tea or coffee.

Name..... e-mail.....

Address (please print).....

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To register, please **return the above form with a cheque for £15**, payable to '**RSC Historical Group**' to **Dr. John Hudson, Graythwaite, Loweswater, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 0SU**. Receipt of cheques will be acknowledged to applicants who give their e-mail address. For any problems or queries please contact John at johnhudson25@hotmail.com.