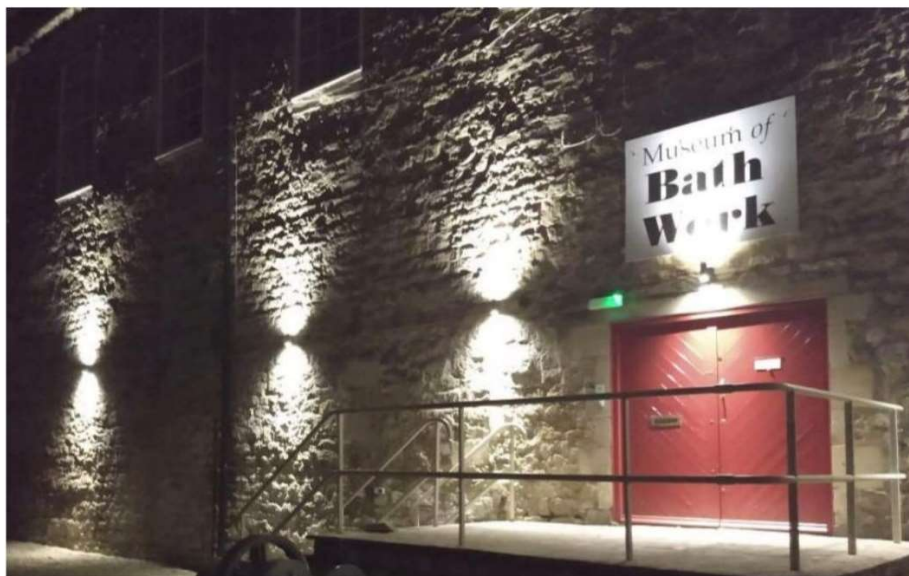
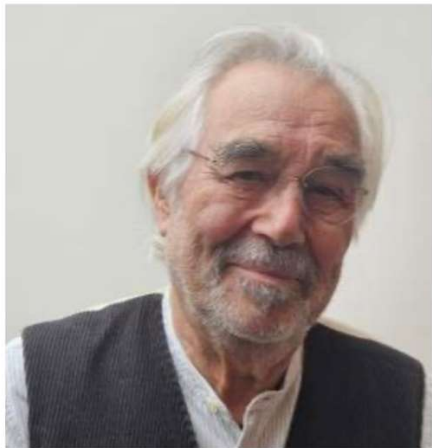


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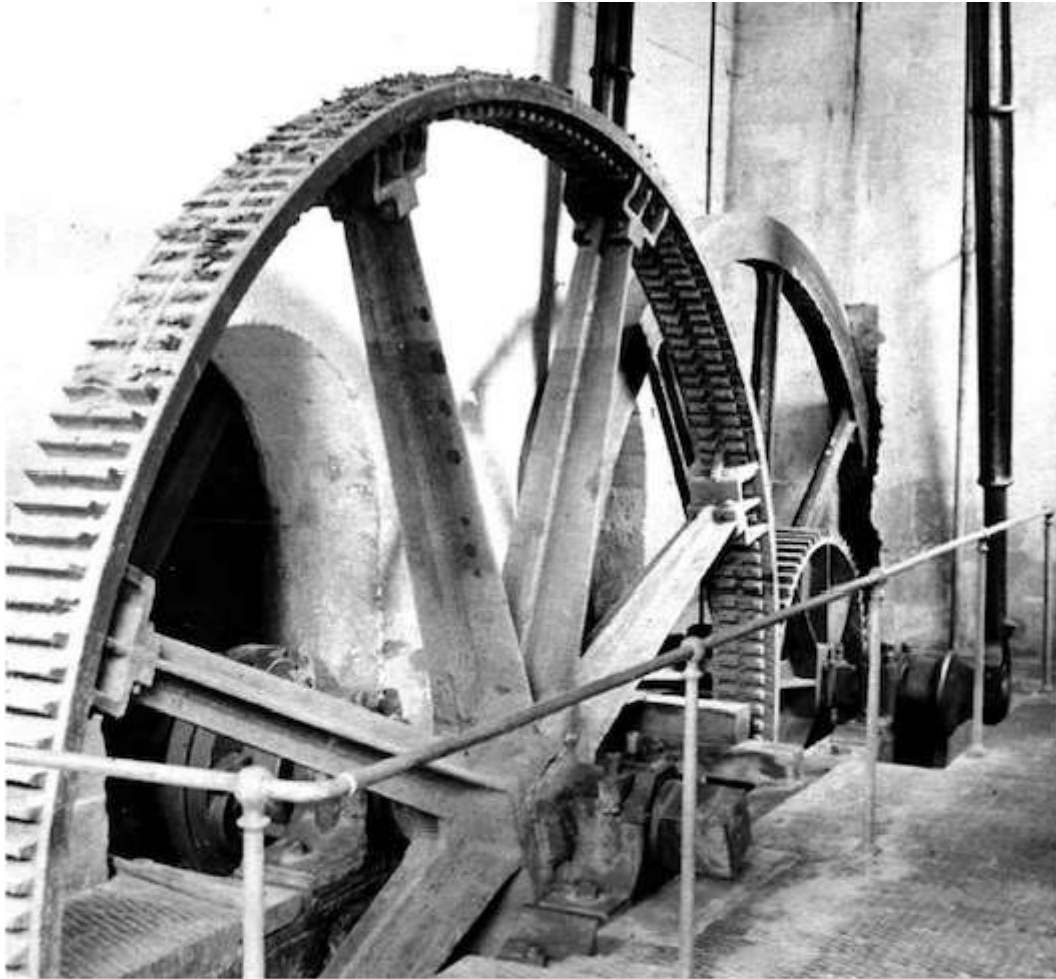
*"Welcome to the July Newsletter which will now appear more frequently detailing latest Museum and upcoming events with links to the new web site generously funded by Friends and supporters. Exciting Museum development plans are underway expanding activities, exhibitions, and collaboration, more details in the coming months"*

Dr Trevor Turpin  
Chair of Trustees  
John Marsh  
Chair of Friends



### **"Let there be Light"**

Thanks to a grant from the West of England Combined Authority we have been able to install replacement energy efficient lighting on the Museum front. This improvement makes arriving and leaving the museum safer and provides warm atmospheric illumination on the textured rubble stone walls. This replaces a single harsh floodlight.



### **County Museums Working Together**

The museum is working collaboratively with four other local museums as the Somerset Industrial Sites Group, Claverton Pumping Station, Saltford Brass Mill Project, Museum of Bath Stone and Radstock Museum. Each August the group will co-operate to publicise a programme of events and openings meeting regularly to exchange ideas and expertise. We look forward to working with the other museums on this new initiative preserving the county's industrial heritage.

### **Heritage Lottery Funds New Exhibitions**

Two new exhibitions opening at the museum 27th June have been created in collaboration with local community groups who have submitted the content and researched the subject. The Museum has offered advice and training as to how this could be done.

**Costing the Earth** exhibition has been created by four local community groups assessing how Bath's environment has been affected by industrialisation from 1700 to the present day. The exhibition features new research on how Bath with its particular topography, climate, street plan and businesses has been affected by urbanisation and commercial development, with tourism colouring such development for more than 250 years.

**Knowing Your Place: Bath in Community Alphabets** was first exhibited in 2015 and being re-displayed, in an updated and amended format. The use of the community alphabets to 'capture' information on notable features in 11 districts of the city was very successful and we have contacted the groups who contributed nine years ago regarding updating their selections.

# COMMON GROUND RULES for LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS

## **Common Ground - Launch of Support Programme for Local History**

An exhibition prepared by the Prior Park Buildings Group, to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the houses will mark the launch of the Museum's programme of support and advice for local historical societies and researchers. Each year the museum will offer display space and advice in the preparation and production for a temporary exhibition which will run throughout the summer of each year.

The programme entitled 'Common Ground' will apply to any historical group or researcher or groups of researchers investigating an aspect of local history in the Bath area.

The Prior Park Buildings Group have been investigating the heritage of the historic row of 18th century houses where they live – local history at a granular level. The Museum has assisted in the preparation of the exhibition, which will be displayed in the Hudson Exhibition Hall.