

Museum Archives

The Archive consists of hundreds of old documents, books and photographs, including the earliest company minute books going back to the 1880's. Information is available on the old undertakings in the South West and on pre-privatised SWEB and CEGB.

Also available are many national reference books, namely - The Electricians, Electrical Reviews and Garcke's Manuals, which has given us a wider scope of research throughout the UK

A comprehensive listing of the contents of the archives is available on the website at <http://www.swehs.co.uk/>

Meeting Room

A Meeting Room is available for talks and lectures - A major change from the original Room that housed switchgear and where the walls and ceiling had been blackened by smoking compound.



Museum Entrance

The Museum Of Electricity Cairns Road, Bristol



ELECTRICITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Lynmouth Hydro Scheme - 1880

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Museum of Electricity

Open to the public the second Thursday in every month at 10.30 am for 2 hours or at other times by arrangement.

**Visitors and New Members are
Very Welcome**

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The Museum is housed inside an unused part of an electricity substation building by courtesy of Western Power Distribution. The museum contains an exhibition room, where the artefacts are displayed, a room suitable for meetings of up to thirty persons, two smaller rooms where the archives are stored, a small office, and a utility room.

Visit the Museum and See What Your GrandParents Used!



Museum Artefacts

These are mainly on view in the Exhibition room with some running over into the meeting room. They vary in age from the oldest remotely controlled DC switch from 1897 to relatively recent items such as the Dataphonic devices used for remote control of the unmanned turbo generating stations that SWEB ran.

The bulk of the collection is made up of electrical appliances used in the home and the home wiring and metering.

Folding out the next page will reveal samples of some of the artefacts. A complete listing of all the artefacts in the museum is available with pictures on the web with the address below <http://www.swehs.co.uk/artefacts>

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