

## Museum Archives

We hold hundreds of old documents and books containing detailed information on the electricity undertakings in the South West (including the earliest company minute books from the 1880's) right up to the privatisation of SWEB and CEBG. In addition, we hold a large collection of photographs from c1890 covering many aspects of electricity generation, distribution & supply, commercial marketing & sales, tariffs and metering.

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 our website at: [wpehs.org.uk](http://wpehs.org.uk)

## Meeting Room

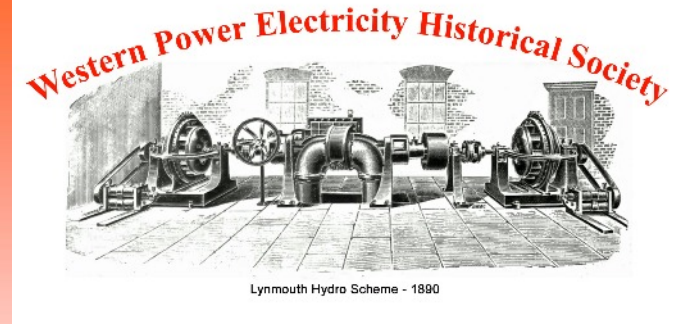
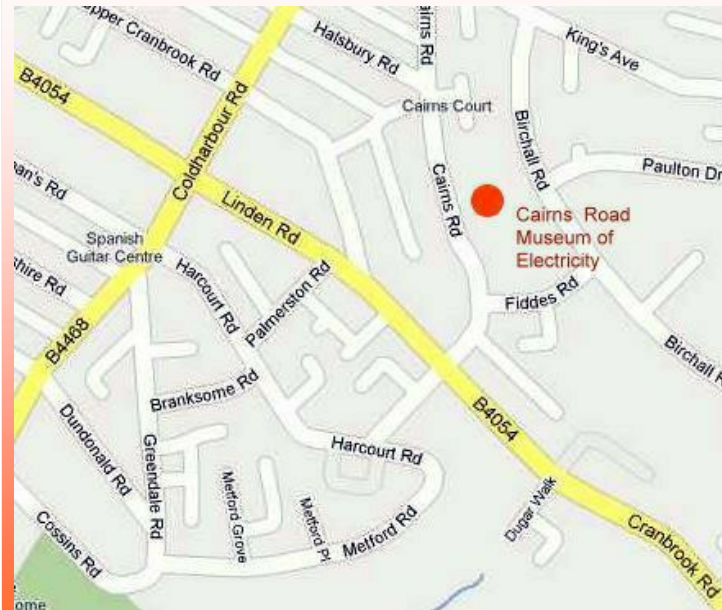
Our meeting room is used for talks and lectures and also, acts as an overflow to our exhibition room. It is a pleasant half tiled room built in the 1930's and originally housed a high voltage switchboard.



Museum Entrance

# Museum of Electricity

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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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Our Museum houses an extensive range of electrical artefacts and archives. It is located inside an unused part of an electricity substation building by courtesy of Western Power Distribution. It includes an exhibition room, where the artefacts are displayed, separate rooms for the archive storage and a meeting room suitable for meetings of up to thirty persons.

# Visit the Museum and See What Your GrandParents Used!



## Museum Artefacts

Our main exhibition room contains a fine collection of historical appliances and equipment used in the distribution of electricity and in the home. Two particular items of interest are the original Bristol Cathedral organ bellows electric air pump c1900 and in more recent times, a remotely controlled model helicopter used for assisting in the construction of electric wires across valleys and rivers. We have a comprehensive collection of old cables including Ferranti's original 10kV cable, technical instruments, energy metering and a wide range of household appliances, plugs & sockets and wiring.

A complete listing of all the artefacts in the museum is available with pictures on our Website: [wpehs.org.uk](http://wpehs.org.uk)

## Join Us Now!



Bed Warmers



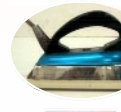
Coffee Percolators



Convector Heaters



Radiant Heaters



Clothes Irons



Chromium Kettles



Trouser Presses



Shavers



Refrigerators



Washing Machines



Vacuum Cleaners



Tea Makers



Cookers



Fan Heaters



Hair Driers



Copper Kettles



Toasters



Waffle Iron



Medical



Spin Driers



Wash Boilers



Ammeters



Galvanometers



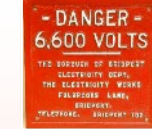
Potentiometers



Watt-hour Meters



Prepayment Meters



Warning Signs



Time Switches



Wiring Installation



Cable Samples



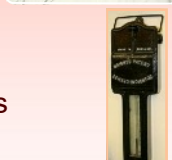
Resistance Bridges



Pressure Testing Sets



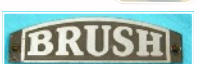
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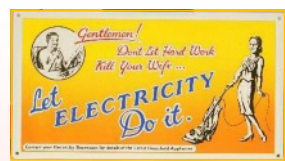
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Credit Meters



Name Plates



Posters



Service Cut-outs



Earth Testers



Multi-meters



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