

OUR INDUSTRIAL PAST

MORE OF BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

John Hannavy

Our Industrial Past is a companion to the author's 2015 book *Britain's Industrial Heritage*, and is presented in the same format, exploring an eclectic mix of themes covering many aspects of the technologies which powered Britain's industrial development.

This time John Hannavy explores domestic topics such as 'Building Britain', 'Putting a Roof over our Heads', and 'All Mod Cons' looking at stone masonry, brick-making, slate cutting, the art of the thatcher, the histories of fresh water, flushing toilets, gas lighting and electricity.

Maritime themes including 'Great Ports and Safe Havens', 'The Welcoming Light' – the story of the lighthouse and lightship – and the fishing industry pay tribute to the importance of Britain as a sea-faring nation, while finally, 'The Arms Industry' explores the defence of Britain on land, sea and in the air, from the *Mary Rose* to the 1960s. The great weapons systems developed in the early years of the 20th century get special mention – the world's first tank was built in Lincoln just over a century ago in 1915.

Once again, a detailed Gazetteer at the end of the book lists many of the visitor attractions which preserve and celebrate our history and the book is illustrated with an engaging mix of John Hannavy's own original photography and historic photographs and postcards of these industries at their peak.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Hannavy is a writer, photographer, photographic historian and incurable steam enthusiast. A retired academic, he now devotes his time to exploring, photographing and writing about how the advance of technology changed Britain.

This is his fifth book for Halsgrove, following *Preserved Steam-Powered Machines*, *Edwardian Mining in Old Postcards*, *The Once-Ubiquitous Paddle Steamer* and *Britain's Industrial Heritage*.

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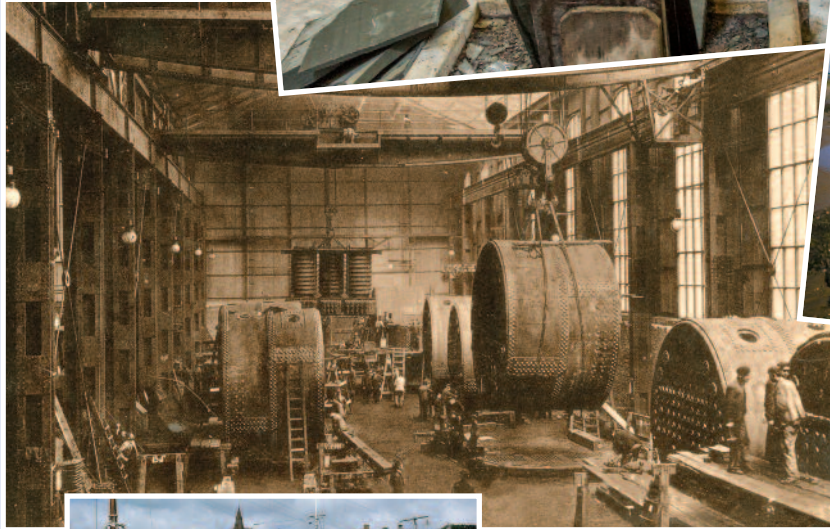
Evan Wyn Thomas, a retired slate-worker, demonstrates the art of slate dressing for visitors to the National Slate Museum.



Above: Glasgow City Council's Water Committee and Water Commissioners, photographed by Thomas Annan in 1876 after inspecting the extended water works at Loch Katrine.



Left: Southern Ness Lighthouse has stood idle for more than eighty years.



Below: Unloading herring at Lowestoft, 1905.

Left: The boiler shop at the massive Vickers shipyards at Barrow-in-Furness, photographed around 1910.



Pittenweem harbour in the early 1970s, a thriving fishing port.



Example of a double-page spread.