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THE BRYAN MATTHEWS MEMORIAL LECTURE

7.30 pm Wednesday 28th March 2018

Mark Glatman Lecture Theatre
Uppingham School Science Centre

Professor Marilyn Palmer

Emeritus Professor of Industrial Archaeology

University of Leicester

President of the Association for Industrial Archaeology

presents:

Technology in the Country House

In the second half of the 19th century, technology played an increasingly important role in enabling owners of country houses to achieve their ambition of a comfortable house which functioned efficiently. Innovations included improved water supplies, flushing water closets, boilers to provide central heating, communication by bells and telephones, and lighting by gas and electricity. Lifts and sometimes even railways conveyed fuel, food or luggage to where they were needed. However, country houses were usually too remote to take advantage of centralised sources and had to set up their own systems for gas, electricity and water supply, and sanitation. Physical evidence of these earliest examples of domestic innovations has often survived and the owners of many houses have begun to conserve what remains and open up areas for the public to see them. Professor Marilyn Palmer looks at the background to these innovations, examines their impact and explores what has survived.

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