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A special treat this issue; a previously unpublished image of a scene that few will fail to recognise. No apologies for reverting to monochrome on this cover. A rare glimpse of workmen actually working - well almost, a short break for posing for the camera during the laying of the surface for the goods yard at Brighton Station. A view that could readily be reproduced today.

See the article by John Blackwell inside. *(from the Peter Brandon Collection)*

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Editorial

Welcome to *Newsletter* 154. Quite a mix of subjects this issue, some old images and some new. We are moving into the ‘busy’ season for events, please do consider going to those organised by your committee, don’t forget to let the organiser know of your intention to attend. Malcolm Dawes has been very active finding other events that welcome our members, so do support those too.

While your committee continue to strive to find activities to interest us all, if you have any suggestions or would be prepared to organise an event please do contact one of them - see the inside back cover for names and contact details.

Looking ahead, the Heritage Open Days are in September, we have a rare visit to Ricardo PLC, by the Old Toll Bridge at Shoreham-by-Sea, planned for that weekend and hope to extend it into a day out in the area, so do put it in your diary and look out for other events over that weekend.

If you are not yet booked for SERIAC on 28th April then get your placed booked soon. IA is a continually changing process, make a point of joining the Society visit to Coultershaw on 16th June to see the latest development at this site that has seen a water beam pump, two (at least) corn watermills and now a Archemidian Screw harnessing the power of the river. Congratulations to Robin Wilson for leading this project and his work in making Coultershaw an active site for visitors.