The monthly meeting of the Society is held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January). The meetings are held at the Italian Social Welfare centre, 21 Stewart Street, Wollongong (opposite the Greek Church and diagonally opposite the Council Car Park). There’s plenty of parking, ease of access, and the centre is only a short walk from the new Burelli Street Council Chambers from where buses set down and pick up. Visitors and New Members are particularly welcome at all monthly meetings.

**JUNE MEETING:** 6th June, 7 45 p.m.

**SPEAKER:** Don Reynolds

**SUBJECT:** History of Australian Iron and Steel, Port Kembla

Fresh from his success in organizing the Industrial Archaeology Liaison Conference, Don will speak on a topic in which he has considerable expertise. A most informative meeting is assured.

**SHARPE BROTHERS: REMEMBER THOSE GINGER BEER JARS?**

Sharpe Bros, cordial and soft drink manufacturers had a factory in Wollongong from 1919 to about 1934.

A grandson, David Sharpe, is preparing a short history of the firm, which flourished in Australia and New Zealand from 1903 to 1972, and at one time even boasted of 35 factories.

In our search for information I have written to historical societies and newspapers in the cities and towns where the firm did business.

Facts we are seeking include the names of other employees and the dates it traded. Photographs of the factory and their vehicles, both horse-drawn and motor vans, would also be welcomed. In some places, for example, they exhibited in shows, or their ‘turnouts’ participated in parades.

Your help will be appreciated, and any response will be acknowledged.

Yours sincerely, (Mrs. Kathleen E. Sharpe)

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