



## ***Casting Metal: The Story of Local Iron Foundries***

**Jim Birch**

**The Victorian Vale and its Downs did more than farming; there was significant manufacturing industry with a total of over thirty foundries within fifteen miles of Wantage. This talk explains why foundries were set up in country areas, looks at the processes and materials involved and outlines the history of a number of local examples, including Wantage Engineering and Nalder & Nalder. The presentation ends with a demonstration of sand-mould making and the casting of a small component.**

# **Hanne History Group**

**8.00 P.M  
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