



Sir Christopher Hinton, OM, KBE, FRS, FREngl.

Christopher Hinton later to be knighted and adopted the title of Baron Hinton of Bankside was born in Tisbury on 12th May 1901 but was educated in Chippenham where his father was a headmaster. He left school at 16 and went to work at the Great Western Railway Works in Swindon as an apprentice engineer. He was awarded the William Henry Allen Scholarship from the Institute of Mechanical Engineers in 1923 and went on to study at Trinity College, Cambridge where he graduated with a first class honours degree.

After leaving University he went to work for Brunner Mond which was later acquired by ICI and where he climbed the ladder becoming their Chief Engineer at age 29. Whilst working for Brunner he met his future wife Lilian Boyer whom he married in 1931. Their daughter Mary was born in 1932.

During WWII he was seconded to the Ministry of Supply and became Director General of that department where he became responsible for the construction and running of ordnance factories and in charge of the Royal Filling Factories.

In 1946 he was appointed as Deputy Controller of Production of Atomic Energy and was appointed a Member for Engineering and Production whilst Managing Director of the Risley Industrial Group in 1954 when the Atomic Energy Authority was formed. The Risley Group comprised of the Headquarters at Risley and laboratories at Culcheth, Capenhurst, Windscale, Springfields and Dounreay plus factories at Springfields, Capenhurst, Windscale, Calder, Dounreay and Chapelcross. His department was responsible for most of Britain's major nuclear plants. He was responsible for the construction supervision of the World's first large scale commercial nuclear power station at Calder Hall.

In 1957 He became chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board and retired in 1964 although he worked for six months in the Ministry of Transport and became a special adviser to the World Bank. He served as Chairman of the international Executive Committee of the World Energy

Conference between 1962 and 1968. During his time at the CEGB he set up The Hinton Cup for Good Housekeeping. The inaugural presentation being made to Meaford Power Station for 1959-1960. The cup was awarded annually to the Power Station deemed to be the most economically and efficiently operated with a strong leaning to the attractiveness of the site and facilities within the building. The CEGB was divested in 1989 therefore West Burton Power Station became the last recipient of the award for 1988-1989.

Sir Christopher died in London on 22nd June 1983.