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National Grid takes a trip down memory lane in Bury St Edmunds

National Grid is marking the history of the gasworks in Bury St Edmunds by holding a heritage event for the local community

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- **Local people invited to share their memories ahead of dismantling the gas holders**
- **Thursday 10 December, St. Johns Centre between 10 am and 12 noon**

National Grid is asking local residents with memories of the Tayfen Road gas works to step forward to help capture the site's rich history.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the history of the gas holder site on Thursday 10 December between 10am and noon at the St. Johns Centre in Bury St Edmunds

Sam Rendell, National Grid said: "When National Grid first announced the plans to dismantle the gas holders, we asked the local community to contact us with their memories of the gas holder site. The response was overwhelming and I'd like to thank everyone who got in touch.

"As a way of marking the history of the gas works, National Grid would like to invite you to come to a heritage event. It will be an opportunity for the local community to tell their stories and show photos, as well as have a cup of tea and piece of cake with the National Grid team.

"We want to archive memories and pictures of the gas holder site, so during the heritage event we will be making a record of the accounts given by attendees and compiling a Bury St Edmunds gas holder booklet which can always be treasured."

The work to dismantle the gas holder is underway and due to be complete in April 2016. It is part of National Grid's nationwide programme to regenerate brownfield sites so that they can have a useful future.

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