

IRONBRIDGE  
**Parish News**

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**Blist's Hill Victorian Village  
At Night**



### **One night only...**

Blist's Hill Victorian Village in Ironbridge welcomes many visitors during daylight hours. However, one night per year the doors are opened to the public to experience night time in the Victorian era.

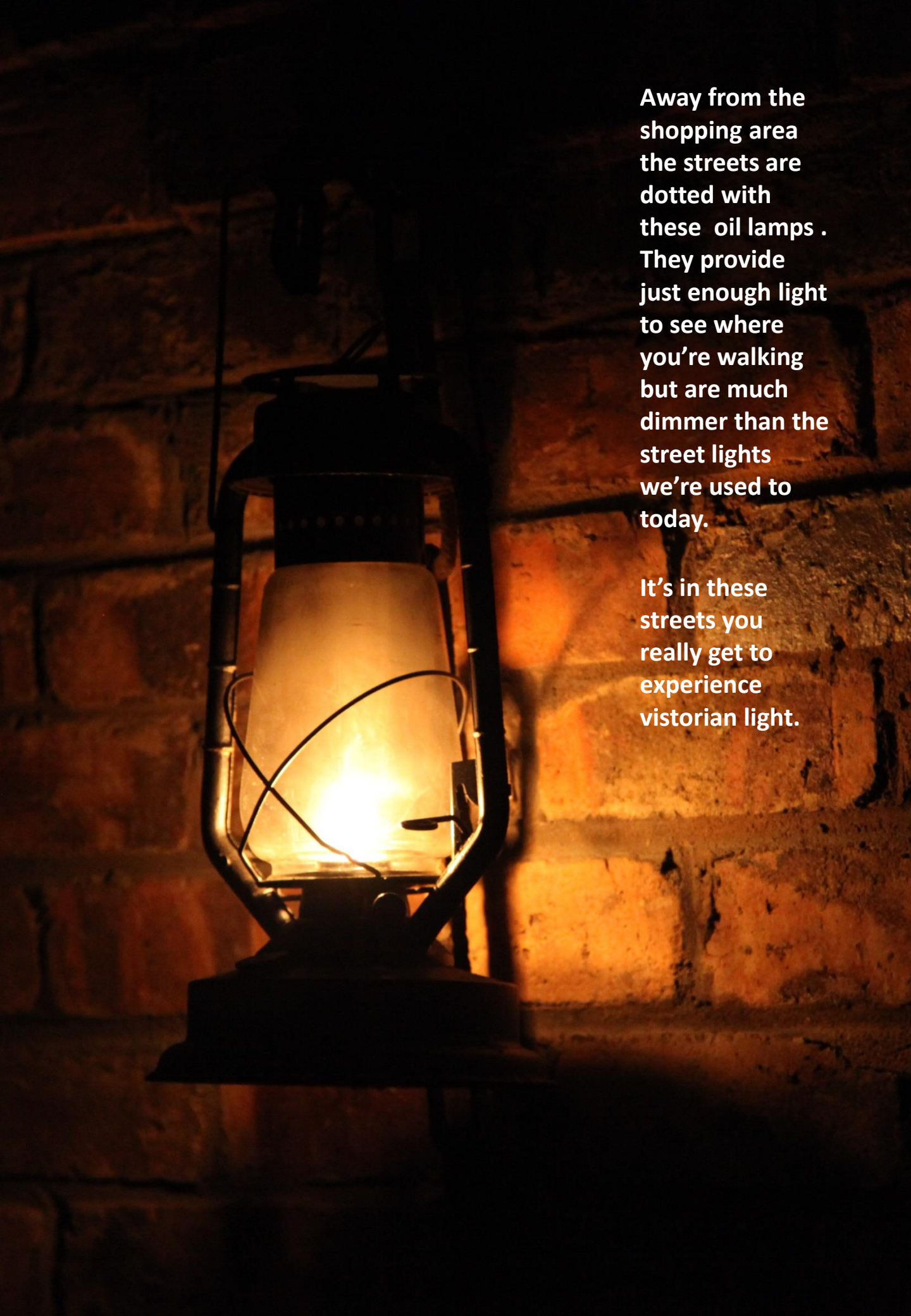
At the entrance the streets are lit with modest light making the building look even more authentic. There's a strong smell of burning wood drifting up the street.



# PHOTOGRAPHY

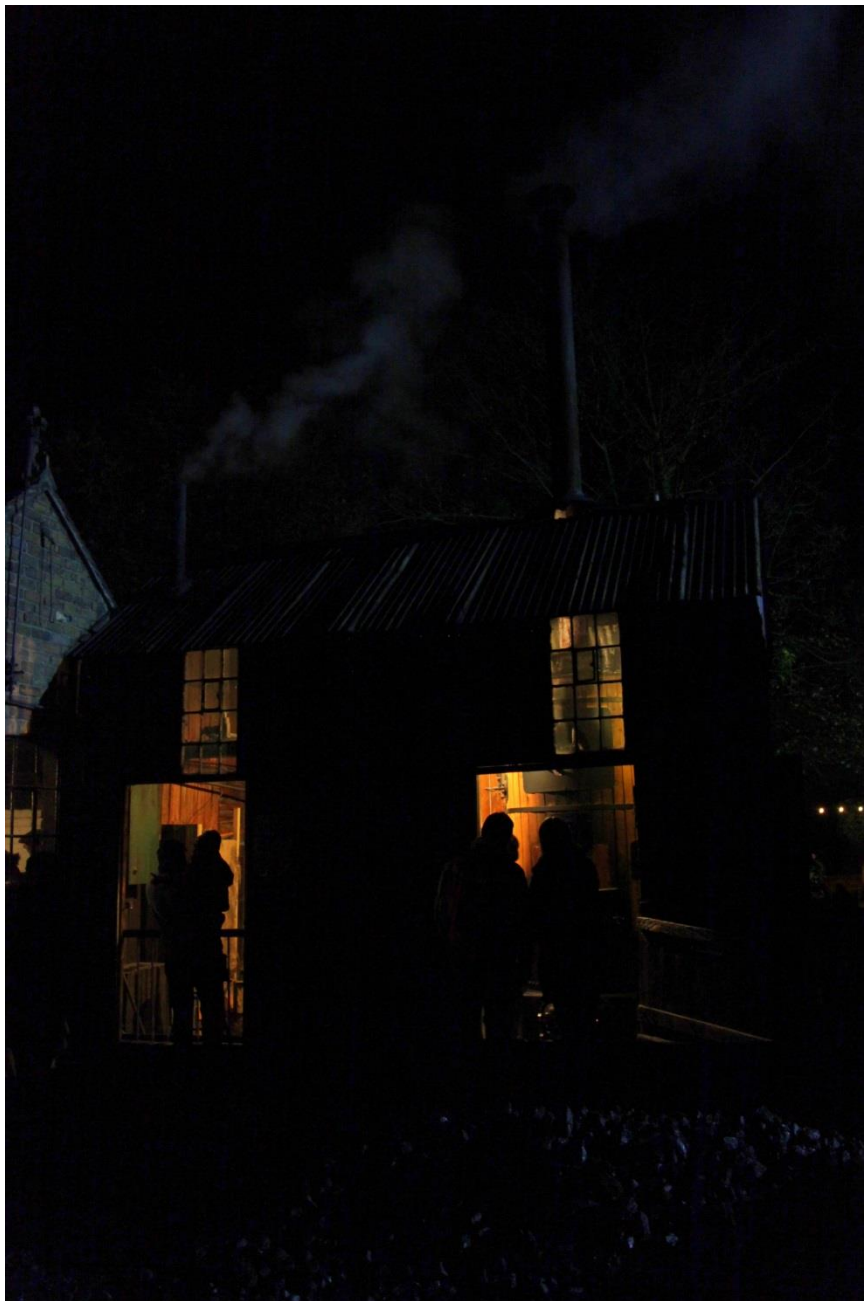


The warmly lit shop fronts are an enticing sight. All the shops are open and ready for customers. This photography studio offers victorian costume and backdrops for photo shoots.

A glowing oil lamp with a white glass chimney and a metal frame, hanging against a rough stone wall. The lamp is illuminated from within, casting a warm, yellow light. The background is a textured stone wall with visible mortar lines.

Away from the shopping area the streets are dotted with these oil lamps . They provide just enough light to see where you're walking but are much dimmer than the street lights we're used to today.

It's in these streets you really get to experience victorian light.



The industrial buildings in the village come to life after dark. It's much easier to see the action going on inside when it's all lit up. Notice there is no outside lighting here. The building looks even more dramatic with the contrast between light and dark.

This explains the smell of burning wood throughout the other areas of the village. These stakes provide light in the industrial areas.



The crowds make their way down the hill following a string of lights to guide the way. Passing the vast ironworks which is in full operation for all to see.



At the bottom of the hill is the working victorian fun fair where the central attraction is the carousel. Next to the fun fair is the school, featured on the opposite page, this is where people are gathering for the spectacular fireworks finale.







**As the excitement mounts especially on the children's faces the fireworks display begins.**

**Of course with fireworks comes smoke and lots of it.**

**The fireworks show lasts for approximately 20 minutes before it ends with the biggest firework, as seen on the opposite page, lighting up the sky and making a bang that can be heard for miles.**



