

### Visit to Didcot Power Station and Pendon Museum Thursday 31 August 2006

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Please note the date for this visit (arranged by John Temple) has been brought forward to avoid a clash with the Toulouse trip.

#### **Didcot Power Station (Morning)**

Numbers are limited to 40  
Car registration number required

#### **Pendon Museum (Afternoon)**

Numbers are limited to 60  
For further details visit [www.pendonmuseum.com](http://www.pendonmuseum.com)

The cost will be about £4.00 per person for Pendon. Didcot Power Station visit is free. However please note the H&S issues and please provide information on the reply slip of any constraints.

#### Didcot Power Station

Didcot A power station is one of three of RWE npower's coal powered power stations that is currently burning biomass in the form of sawdust, thus replacing up to 5% by weight of coal. The three power stations are also test burning other suitable biomass materials to meet the Government's renewable energy obligation, which came into effect in April 2002. 2000 MW can be generated at Didcot. The visit begins with a brief talk on power generation at Didcot. A short video "Welcome to Didcot" is shown followed by a walking tour of the site including a visit to the coal plant, boiler house, turbine hall and control room. Visitors should wear sturdy shoes suitable for walking across metal mesh flooring and clothing adequate for any prevailing weather conditions. The site tour requires the visitors to undertake a considerable amount of walking and a number of flights of stairs. The Station will provide all visitors with personal protective equipment (safety helmets, safety spectacles and ear plugs if appropriate). Due to magnetic fields on site, pacemakers, cochlea implants or other items fitted may be affected in these areas and need to be declared. A small quantity of the fuel may contain nuts or a nut derivative product. If a visitor has a nut allergy, and carries an EpiPen to treat an acute allergic reaction, they will not be permitted to visit either the coal plant or immediate surroundings. All visitors must switch off their mobile phones whilst out on site.

Cameras and photography are not permitted.

#### Pendon Museum

Pendon Museum is building an ambitious model of the countryside of the Vale of the White Horse as it was in the 1930's. The Vale Scene model is still under construction, but already you can see a substantial part of the village of Pendon Parva built around an ancient hill-fort, the agricultural landscape surrounding the village, and the derelict Wilts. and Berks. canal. And of course there is the Great Western Railway main line sweeping from the junction station at Pendon Parva through the fields on its way from London to the West Country and the Midlands. Pendon (founded in 1956 by an enthusiastic modeller, Roye England) also houses two other important models. The Dartmoor Scene is an earlier work by the Pendon team which includes a magnificent model of one of Brunel's splendid timber trestle bridges set amid the tors of Dartmoor. The Madder Valley scene was the first model railway to be set in a fully developed landscape, complete with towns and countryside. In the last few years Pendon Museum has been displaying, on permanent loan, those exquisite architectural models built by John Warner and Gerry Hall. The buildings include two churches, Tetbury station and a scene based on The Shambles in York.

## Programme

The timetable for the day will be:-

10.00	Arrive Didcot A Power Station O.S. SU 514915 or 51°37'10"N 1°15'29" (2 hours tour)
12.30	Pub Lunch in Long Wittenham or Clifton Hampden
14.00	Arrive at Pendon Museum O.S. SU 543936 (2 hours visit)
16.00	Disperse

## Travel Details

Travel by Train to Didcot Parkway; Paddington 8.30 arrives 9.12; Reading 8.57 arrives 9.24; Oxford 9.06 arrives 9.24. Please indicate on the return slip if you wish to be met at Didcot Parkway Railway Stn. Meet by the Royal Mail pillar box at 9.30 am in the ticket hall.

### Travel by Road

Members coming by car to Didcot Power Station are required to submit their car registration numbers. Please indicate this on the reply slip.

The entrance to the power station is at O.S. SU 514915 or 51°37'10"N 1°15'29"W .

Either From M4 exit at J13 and turn N on A34 towards Oxford

Or From M40 exit at J8 and turn S on Oxford Ring Road and follow signs to A34 (S)

Leave A34 at the Milton interchange (W of Didcot) and follow A4130 (SP Didcot)

(you will see the cooling towers directly in front of you)

In 1.5 miles at the roundabout turn left (SP Power Station)

(Alternatively map read to this point via A4130 from Henley on Thames)

Cross over railway bridge and at the next roundabout take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit (SP Power Station A)

Follow the road round and park on LHS by the gatehouse (near cooling towers)

Our guide will meet us there and check car registrations before escorting us past the barrier into the visitors' centre.

### Transfer to Long Wittenham for lunch and Pendon Museum

Follow the silver car with an egg on top Registration No: OY 53 KPG:-

Turn left at the roundabout outside Didcot Power station (SP A4130 Wallingford)

Continue ahead over 4 roundabouts, veering east then south east

In 2 miles at T junction turn left into B4016 (north) (SP Appleford and other villages)

**NOTE THIS JUNCTION**

In 1 mile at T junction turn right (unclass) (SP Clifton Hampden and Pendon Museum)

In 3/4 mile turn left and continue for one more mile to Long Wittenham

At T junction in Long Wittenham turn right near a thatched cottage

The Plough Inn is 50 yd on LHS; The Vine pub is a further 100 yd on RHS

Or continue for one more mile to the Barley Mow, Clifton Hampden, on LHS – car park on RHS.

If you cross a narrow bridge with traffic lights over the river you have just passed it.

### Pendon Museum

Return to the T junction in Long Wittenham and bear right for the museum.

### Dispersal

Either return to Didcot (NB turn right onto A4130 see "NOTE THIS JUNCTION")

Or continue through Long Wittenham to Clifton Hampden via a narrow bridge

Turn left to return via A415 through Abingdon to A34

Or turn right and follow signs to Oxford, Henley or Reading.