

**VISIT TO RYE HOUSE GATEHOUSE and WHITEWEBBS MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT
on Tuesday 21st June 2011**

This visit has been organised by MC Black.

Rye House Gatehouse



Rye House Gatehouse was one of the first brick built buildings in the country. The house formed the hub of what was a large estate for its time. Rye House is also known as one of the finest medieval moated sites in Hertfordshire. It is also an important place in the country's history, the Rye House Plot – the unsuccessful attempt to assassinate King Charles II. In its time the Gatehouse has been a workhouse and a place in the Victorian era where people came to enjoy landscaped gardens, banquets and the delights of the countryside.

Rye House has had a varied and vibrant history. Habitation of the area can be traced back as far as Saxon times and there being a settlement on the site known then as 'atter eye' Saxon for 'at the island'.

It is most noted for the construction of a fortified manor house on 'the Island of Rye' by Sir Andrew Ogard an ex-patriot Dane in 1443. It is one of the first buildings constructed using brick in this country and the house formed the hub of what was a large estate for its time. Rye House is also known as one of the finest medieval moated sites in Hertfordshire and is a Grade I listed building.

Inside the building there is a staffed information point and visitors can discover the history of the Gatehouse through various displays. There is also a winding staircase which takes you to a viewing platform where you can take a close look at a fine example of a "Barley Sugar Twist" chimney, along with views looking over the Lee and Stort valleys.

Rye House Gatehouse is a grade 1 listed building. What stands on the site today is all that remains of one of the first brick buildings in the country, a building of high status for its time. The quality of the brickwork including the diaper work, Oriel windows, gargoyles and 'Barley Sugar Twist' chimney puts it in a class of its own compared to many other buildings constructed at that time.

Information here:

http://www.leevalleypark.org.uk/en/content/cms/leisure/nature_reserves/rye_house_gatehouse/rye_house_gatehouse.aspx

or <http://tinyurl.com/2afy5nv>

Whitewebbs Museum of Transport



The museum is owned and operated by the Enfield and District Veteran Vehicle Trust, a registered charity. Everybody involved is an enthusiast and volunteer. The building is an 1898 pumping station that was purchased by the Trust in 1986 in a near derelict state. It originally housed two steam engines and boilers which pumped water from the well below the building into the New River.

Alterations included adding all the floors and staircases, as well as refurbishing the rest. With the main building now complete, the latest development has been the construction of a fire station (housing a 1912 Belsize Fire Engine and a Green Goddess) and, alongside it, a large

building displaying a variety of vehicles.

More information here: <http://www.whitewebbsmuseum.co.uk/>

The visit will conclude with tea & biscuits (included)

Where and when to meet

Meet outside Rye House Gatehouse, Rye House Quay, Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 0EH at 11.00 am

Getting there

By train:

09:42 from London Liverpool Street to Rye House, arrives 10:17

10:12 from London Liverpool Street to Rye House, arrives 10:47

Maps and driving directions from Rye House to Whitewebbs Museum are given below.

Lunch arrangements



A private room has been booked for lunch at The Rye House. Members are asked to pre-order lunch which will then be ready, DV, when we arrive at the public house. Members will pay for their own lunch and drinks.

After lunch we will drive to Whitewebbs museum of Transport.

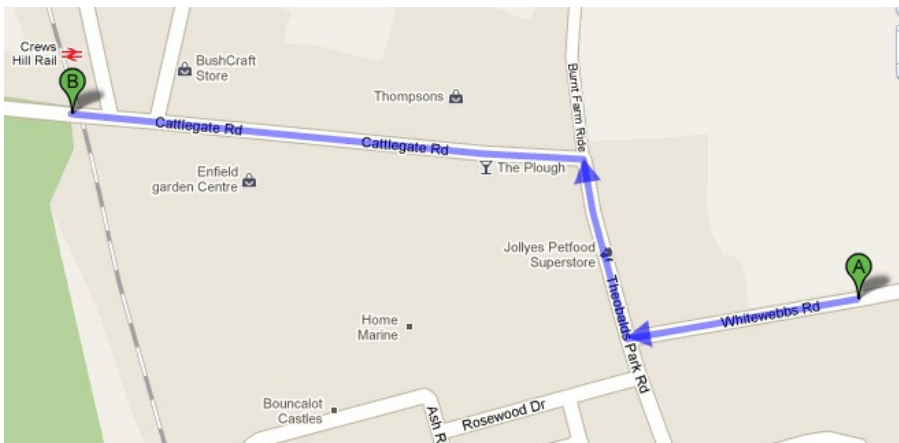
Maximum and minimum, size of party: 24

Cost: £10.00 per person

Timetable

Time	Details
11:00	Meet at 11:00 at Rye House Gatehouse
12.15	Lunch in the function rook at Rye House pub
13.30	Drive to Whitewebbs Museum (about 25 minutes)
14.00	Tour of Whitewebbs Museum
16.00	End of Visit

Getting Home by train



Crews Hill station (B) is about 1 km from Whitewebbs Museum (A) – refer to the map on the left. The service goes to London Moorgate.

Relevant trains are:
Dep 16:05, arr 16:41
Dep 16:25, arr 17:01
Dep 16:45, arr 17:21

Contacts (before the day)

John Belling on mobile 07986 379935 or email john.a.belling.secrems@gmail.com

Late arrivals on the day – who to contact

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Maps



Driving directions from Rye House to Whitewebbs Museum: 10.2 miles, time 24 mins

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| 1. Head southwest on Rye Rd | 0.7m |
| 2. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Middlefield Rd | 187ft |
| 3. Turn left to stay on Middlefield Rd | 0.2m |
| 4. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Ware Rd/A1170 | 0.3m |
| 5. At Amwell St, take the 3rd exit | 0.9m |
| 6. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto the A10 ramp to M25/London/Cheshunt/Broxbourne | 0.2m |
| 7. Merge onto A10 | 5.8m |
| 8. Slight right at Bullsmoor Ln | 249ft |
| 9. Turn right at Bullsmoor Ln/A1055 | 0.4m |
| 10. Turn right at Bull's Cross | 479ft |
| 11. Take the 1st left onto Whitewebbs Ln | 0.8m |
| 12. Arrive at Whitewebbs Museum ('A' icon on map below) | |

