

Heathrow Airport and Terminal 5 Thursday 5 October 2006

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

Everyone knows of Heathrow and most have flown from there but few know its history and its development, nor have had the time to investigate the more interesting aspects of the site. In the morning Martin Olutniks, a “blue badge guide” will take us round the airport and tell us about the place and its history.

Terminal5 is one of the biggest civil engineering projects taking place today. A sewerage farm had to be moved and two rivers relocated, the Duke of Northumberland River (1540 with water for Sion House) and the Longford River (1638 with water for Bushy Park and Hampton Court). 9 tunnels (4 of them road) have had to be bored without disrupting flights, etc. We will be taken on a guided coach tour to see the building and the changes. For safety and security reasons we will not be leaving the coach. The guide is Mike Pearman, a member of the T5 Liason team, and is very knowledgeable about T5.

TRAVEL

Parking at Heathrow is expensive so travel by public transport if you can. If coming by car it is cheaper to park at the Visitors Centre (£1/hour up to £5 for 5 hours then £7 all day). Travel in and just outside the airport by bus is free; buses 725, 285, 111, 555 pass the visitor’s centre from the central bus station. The visitor’s centre is on the A4 to the east of the road junction leading to the central terminals.

MEET in T2 at the big Costa Coffee bar café. In the checkin area follow the signs for Arrivals and Departures and go up the small escalator. The coffer bar is just behind the Airport Information Desk near the reserved area for disabled passengers.

Lunch will be taken in the central area, in Wetherspoons or a fast food outlet. Alternatively picnic.

The Terminal 5 tour starts from the Visitor’s Centre at 13.30. This is outside the central area on the Bath Road. Travel is free by bus in this area. In case the Centre is still being decorated the tour starts next door at the Renaissance Hotel (see map).

CONTACTS

Prior to visit – David Pick.

On day – George Freeman 07941 916 944

10.30 – 11.00	Assemble in T2, refreshments and toilets
11.00 – 12.00	Tour of Heathrow
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 13.15	Travel to the Visitor's Centre
13.30 – 15.00	Tour of T5 area

COSTS

£18 each, 20 people. Refreshments at cost on the day.

LOCATION OF THE VISITOR'S CENTRE (V/C)

