

**A visit to The Natural History Museum at Tring & The Pitstone Green Museum
on Thursday 18th July 2013**

This visit has been organised by MC Black.

Morning: The Natural History Museum at Tring

The Natural History Museum at Tring is the result of one man's passion for the natural world. Lionel Walter Rothschild was rich, eccentric, passionate and generous. He dedicated his life to the study of animals. He believed in sharing his enthusiasm and encouraging an interest in as many people as possible.



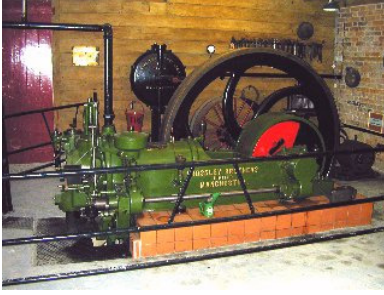
The Museum's Victorian character has changed little since it opened in 1892. It is a unique opportunity to see more than 4,000 animals from around the world together in one place. The public galleries give just a taste of the size of Walter's collection, and indicate his personal contribution to the study of animals, zoology. The Rothschild family gifted the entire Museum and its collections to the nation in 1937.

The Museum's website is <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/tring/>.

Afternoon: The Pitstone Green Museum



Set in the Buckinghamshire countryside and is housed in the buildings of a 1831 farm, the Museum offers a fascinating and inexpensive day out for the family with many interesting displays and artifacts to see. The museum is run by volunteers from the Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society.



Although the museum is basically a Rural Life Museum with many exhibits relating to farming, country life, trades and professions within a 25 mile radius of Pitstone, it has many other interesting exhibits, including two model railways, a 37 HP Crossley gas engine (left), stationary engines, vintage wirelesses, photographic and electrical apparatus and a WWII military aviation room. Highlight of this



room is a full size reconstruction of a section of a wartime Avro Lancaster Bomber (right).

The Museum's website is <http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk/>.

Where and when to meet:

Please meet in the Natural History Museum's Zebra Café at 10:30am. The café will only be open for self-service (vending machine) hot or cold drinks and confectionery. Toilets are adjacent. You will be met by the tour leader here at 11.00am.

Getting there:

(a) Natural History Museum, Tring:



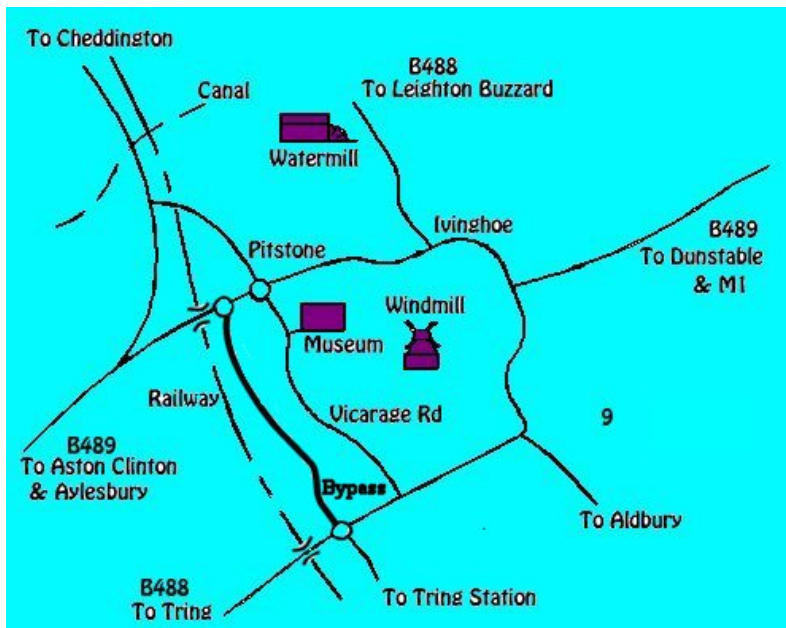
Tring is on the A41, 30 miles North West of London. From the M25 exit Junction 20. The Museum is on Akeman Street which is just off the High Street.

Museum Address:

Natural History Museum at Tring
The Walter Rothschild building
Akeman Street
Tring, Hertfordshire
HP23 6AP

Tel: 020 7942 6171

(b) Pitstone Green Museum



Pitstone Green Museum is situated just off the B489 which runs from Aston Clinton to Dunstable on the Bedfordshire/Buckinghamshire borders.

It is roughly 6 miles West of Dunstable and 4 miles East of Tring.

Entrance to the Museum is via Vicarage Road, approx. 100 metres from the roundabout at the end of Marsworth Road, Pitstone and opposite the Village Hall and Village Green.

Museum address:-

Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society
Pitstone Green Farm
Pitstone, Bucks
LU7 9EY

Lunch Arrangements: lunch in a country pub - tbd

Timetable:

Time	Details
10:30	Assemble in the Natural History Museum's Zebra Café (Tring). The café will only be open for self-service (vending machine) hot or cold drinks and confectionery. Toilets are adjacent.
11:00	Tour Natural History Museum at Tring.
12:30	Make way to lunch venue.
12:45	Lunch at country pub – tbd.
14:15	Make way to Pitstone Green Museum.
14:30	Introductory talk about, and tour of, Pitstone Green Museum.
15:30	Members can visit sections of the museum according to their interests, accompanied by an expert.

Numbers: Maximum: 30

Costs: £10 to include a donation to the Natural History Museum at Tring and refreshments at Pitstone Green Museum.

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