

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

**Transport for London Museum Depot at Acton Town
on Tuesday 20 October 2015
Private guided tour starting at 2.00pm**

This visit has been organised by Ken Poulter.

Summary

A half day (afternoon) visit has been arranged to the reserve collection of the Transport for London Museum at the Museum Depot adjacent to Acton Town Underground Station. This will be a guided tour and we will be shown trains, buses, coaches and a wide range of engineering exhibits as well as art work for the famous London Underground posters.

The cost of the visit is £13 and will last about 2 hours.



Description

The Transport for London Museum Depot at Acton holds the majority of the Museum's collections which are not on display in the main Museum in Covent Garden.

The Depot houses over 320,000 items of all types, including many preserved underground train carriages, buses, electrical power and signal equipment, some of the art work of the Museum's celebrated poster collection, signs, models, photographs, engineering drawings and uniforms. Together these form one of the most comprehensive and important records of urban transport anywhere in the world.

We will have a conducted tour of a range of these exhibits lasting about 2 hours.

Where and when to meet

We will meet in the entrance to the museum at 1.45pm ready to start our tour at 2pm.

Getting there

The museum depot is at 118 – 120 Gunnersbury Lane, Acton Town, London, W3 9BQ

The easiest way of reaching the Museum depot is by Underground train. The Museum Depot is opposite Acton Town Station on the Piccadilly line (either branch) and the District lines (Ealing Broadway branch only). On arrival at Acton Town leave the station, cross the main road, turn right and take the first turning on the left which leads straight to the entrance of the museum depot. The route is well sign posted from the station and takes only one or two minutes.

Members driving to Acton should note that parking on site is only available for blue badge holders who should let the organiser know before the visit that they need a parking space at the museum.

Lunch

As this is an afternoon visit no formal lunch arrangements are being made however members wanting to eat on arrival at Acton Town will find several cafes, a fish and chips restaurant and several small Italian restaurants in the short parade of shops to the left of the station in Gunnersbury Lane.

There are no refreshment facilities at the museum but there are toilet facilities.

Timetable

1.45 pm Assemble in the entrance to the Museum

2.00 to 4.00 Tour of the collection

4.00 depart.

Size of party: Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20.

Cost £13.00

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Late arrivals: Please call Ken who will advise you how to catch up with the group.