

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

Visit to Buckingham Railway Centre

Quinton, Aylesbury HP22 4BY

Thursday 22nd September 2016

This visit has been organised by Ken Poulter.

Summary

Please note - This is not a “steaming day”.

REMS will be visiting the Buckingham Railway Centre at the former Quinton Road Station west of Aylesbury close to the village of Waddesden. We will have a conducted tour of the extensive collection of engines, rolling stock and railway memorabilia.

Cost £7.00



Description

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre is a railway museum on a 25 acre site operated by the Quinton Railway Society Ltd. at the former Quinton Road railway station site, about 5 miles (8.0 km) west of Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. It houses one of the UK's largest collections of locomotives, rolling stock and railway memorabilia and regularly holds “steaming days” and other special events. Our visit does not coincide with a steaming day.

The collection is centred around the 1890s Quinton Road Station on the former Metropolitan and Great Central lines and there is now also an impressive Visitor Centre – the former Oxford Rewley Road Station reconstructed on the site. Several restored engines are on display in the Visitors Centre which also houses a Royal Dining Coach from 1901, and a coach used by Winston Churchill and Dwight D. Eisenhower for secret war strategy planning meetings, a refreshment room and a gift shop.

Separate from the visitor centre there is an extensive museum which displays a wide variety of engines, rolling stock and railway memorabilia from both London Underground, British Rail and the former independent railway companies. There are restored steam locomotives and rolling stock, locomotive undergoing restoration and many more awaiting restoration.

More details of the Centre and its collection can be found at www.bucksrailentre.org

Where and when to meet

We will meet at the entrance to the Visitors Centre at 11.00am. Members arriving earlier will be able to purchase refreshments in the Centre where toilets are also available.

Getting there:



Watch out for the brown signs above off the A41 near Waddesdon and the A413 at Whitchurch.

By car

The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre is signposted off the A41 (Aylesbury to Bicester road) at Waddesdon (if you are coming from Aylesbury direction, due to lots of new housing developments, you are advised to ignore your SATNAV until you have driven through Waddesdon). There are also brown signs off the A413 (Buckingham to Aylesbury road) at Whitchurch. Simply follow the brown signs! Junctions 7, 8 and 9 of the M40 are all close by and the M1, M25, M4 and M40 network makes the Centre easily accessible from London, the South East and the Midlands.

There is ample free car parking.

Lunch

At about 1.30 pm, after the visit we will retire to a local hostelry for lunch. The cost of lunch is not included in the charge for the visit.

Programme

10.30 to 11.00 Assemble inside the visitors centre where refreshments can be purchased etc.

11.00 Tour of the Centre and some "free time" to view exhibits.

13.30 Leave the Centre for lunch at a local hostelry. Cost of lunch not included in the visit fee.

Size of party: Minimum 10 maximum 20

Cost £ 7.00

Contacts

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On the day: Ken Poulter on 07778 933 663

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

