



Coach Visit to Crossness Pumping Engines Steaming Day Sunday October 20th 2019

The coach visit to the Crossness Pumping Station Steaming Day on Sunday October 20th is now confirmed. The coach will leave the Newbold Comyn Car Park opposite the Leisure Centre at 8:15 a.m. and return at around 5:45 p.m.

The Crossness Pumping Station is a former sewage pumping station designed by the Metropolitan Board of Work's chief engineer Sir Joseph Bazalgette and architect Charles Henry Driver at the eastern end of the Southern Outfall Sewer and the Ridgeway path in the London Borough of Bexley. Constructed between 1859 and 1865 by William Webster, as part of Bazalgette's redevelopment of the London sewerage system, it features spectacular ornamental cast ironwork, that Nikolaus Pevsner described as "a masterpiece of engineering – a Victorian cathedral of ironwork". Our visit will be an opportunity to have a look at the buildings and engines, to take in the exhibition and learn something of the Victorian sewer system which continues to serve the capital. We will also be able to see one of the four engines, Prince Consort, in steam.

Light refreshments are available to purchase in the café and there is a shop with some interesting items for sale.

Admission is £8 per person, payable on the day. The price per person for the coach, payable in advance to WIAS, is £22.50. It is suggested that you wear suitable clothing for exploring a pumping station, including flat shoes. It is possible to get to all parts of the site and to access all the buildings without using steps. Inside the main buildings all visitor facilities (exhibition, café, toilets and shop are on one level). Access to the first floor and basement in the Beam Engine House is by stairs but they do have screens to show what these areas are like if you are not able to access.

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Please complete the details below and return to Alain Foote (16, St. Marks Ave., RUGBY, CV22 7NP) with a cheque payable to WIAS for £22.50 per person.

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Address:-.....

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Email address:-.....

Phone No. (Mobile):-.....

Number of Places required:-

Amount Enclosed:-.....