

WTU3A SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TRIPS 2019

WHEN	Wednesday October 2 nd
WHERE	Buckinghamshire Railway Centre and VAMES
WHAT	<p>The expanding Great Central Railway arrived in 1899 and built the present brick station in a joint venture with the Metropolitan Railway, successors to the A&BR who also took over the Brill Tramway the same year. Stopping passenger services ceased in 1963 with full closure in 1966 leaving just a single line between Aylesbury and Calvert Junction on the Oxford – Bletchley line.</p> <p>The London Railway Preservation Society, formed in 1962, arrived in 1969 to set up its permanent home. Since those early days both yards have been redeveloped to house around 170 items of locomotives and rolling stock and an adjacent Second World War Ministry of Food Buffer Depot has been taken over to display many items awaiting their turn in the restoration queue. Alongside there are some of our larger "small objects" as well as display cases, a member's reference library and store rooms maintained to the exacting standards of an Accredited Museum. With building dates from 1874 to the 1960's most major developments in railway history can be viewed.</p> <p>The Guided tour around the BRC site will take about 1-00 to 1.5hrs. A visit to VAMES (Vale of Aylesbury Model Engineering Society) is also arranged with a trip along the 1 Kilometre of track. This is the group we shared with when we visited the Leighton Buzzard railway.</p>
LOCATION	<p>Buckinghamshire Railway Centre Quainton Road Station, Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BY https://bucksrailcentre.org/article.php/13/plan-your-visit</p> <p>Travel time – 0.75hrs, approx. 20miles</p>
FACILITIES	Toilets, café
TIMING	<p>Leave WT by car at 9.30am arriving BRC around 10-15am. 10-30am Tea and Coffee in Main Building/Café. Depending on numbers group to be split in two. One group will take Guided tour of museum at 11.00, lasting about 1.5hr. Other group to visit VAMES for Trip on railway and to tour site. Return to main building for Lunch at approx 12-30. Then the two groups will swap over.</p>
COSTS	Guided tour, Coffee/Tea upon arrival and Light Lunch, all included - £14
OTHER ACTIVITIES	