

WHEN	September 11 <sup>Th</sup> <b><u>A WEDENSDAY</u></b>
WHERE	Didcot Railway Centre
WHAT	<p><b>Home of The Great Western Railway Society:</b>          Didcot Railway Centre has been set up to house and display our growing collection, which is thought to be the biggest collection of items relating to any one railway company, anywhere in the world.</p> <p>Isambard Kingdom Brunel designed his Great Western Railway to be the finest in the world. Its route through Didcot from Bristol to London was completed in 1841 and until 1892 its trains ran on Brunel's broad gauge tracks. Examples of which can be seen on the site. The Great Western retained its independence until nationalisation in 1948 and is still regarded with affection by those who knew it.</p> <p><b>Some of the 10 things to see are:</b></p> <p><b>1) A Train ride</b>          During the day there will be the opportunity to take a train ride. Either Steam or diesel</p> <p><b>2) Explore the 1932 Engine Shed</b>          Stroll around the Engine Shed and discover 15 or more preserved locomotives – find 5900 Hinderton Hall, climb onto the footplate and listen to Archie, the driver, and Stan, the fireman, prepare their loco!</p> <p><b>3) See fascinating smaller artefacts in the Museum</b>          From a platform ticket machine to brass nameplates and distinctive posters the Museum is full of exhibits recalling the heyday of the Great Western Railway.</p> <p><b>4) Locomotive Turntable</b>          The turntable is used to ensure that tender locomotives, in particular, are facing in the direction of travel</p> <p><b>5) See magnificently restored coaches in the Carriage Display</b>          Coaches dating from Victorian times to the 1940s evoke bygone eras.</p> <p><b>6) Discover the earliest days of railways with the Broad Gauge and Transfer Shed</b></p>
LOCATION	Didcot Railway Centre, DIDCOT, Oxfordshire, England OX11 7NJ Use What3words for location IE <a href="http://www.what3words.com/caves.wades.slanting">www.what3words.com/caves.wades.slanting</a> The entrance to the Railway Centre is still through the ticket hall of <b>Didcot Parkway</b> mainline railway station. Car Parks are <b>All operated by Ringo or APCOA</b> <b>download apps prior to visit.</b>
FACILITIES	Toilets. Also onsite café available to visitors
TIMING	Own transport. Leave WT by car share from the 5 Bells at 9-30am for 11-00am arrival. Travel time – 1hr, 30miles
COSTS	Entry fee will be £14 plus the car parking fee.
OTHER ACTIVITIES	None

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WHEN	October 3rd
WHERE	Museum of Military Medicine & Milestones Museum
WHAT	<p>The Military Medicine Museum (MMM) tells the story of army medicine and healthcare, human and animal, from the English Civil War to the current day, as Army Medical Services personnel continue to serve across the globe as part of the British Army.</p> <p>On arrival and after a toilet break, we will split into two groups. One group will start a guided tour whilst the other has a cup of tea and listens to a talk. Roles are then reversed.</p> <p>The Milestones Museum in Basingstoke allows you to step inside the story of our social, retail and industrial heritage and imagine what life would have been like during the Victorian era and the 1930s as you explore the life size streets, buildings, shops and vehicles, all under one roof. Be inspired by wonderful collections from vehicles, toys, domestic appliances and lots more! See how our homes developed through decades from 1930 - 1970s with our authentic room-sets. Experience our 1940s sweet shop when you purchase an old penny for £1 to buy your 2oz ration of sweets in the sweet shop. Have fun in our vintage penny arcade. Dress up in Victorian costumes. Experience our working Edwardian pub where you can enjoy a pint and a sandwich.</p> <p>Self-directed tour departing 4pm. Have something to eat and drink and explore.</p>
LOCATION	<p>The MMM is located at Keogh Barracks, Midchat Place Road, Midchat, Surrey, GU12 5RQ. Photographic identification is required – bring a driving licence, bus pass or passport as identities will be checked by the Army as we enter the site. Travel time – 1.5hrs, 60 miles</p> <p>The Milestones Museum is located at Churchill Leisure Park, Basingstoke RG22 6PG. Travel time around 30 minutes from MMM.</p>
FACILITIES	MMM - toilets. Milestones – toilets , pub, cafe
TIMING	By coach. Leave WT 9.00am – aim to arrive MMM by 10:30am. Leave MMM for Milestones by 12:30pm. Leave Milestones 4-4.30pm
COSTS	By Coach – <b>£50</b> including guided tour and all entrance fees. This includes a donation of £2 per head to the MMM who charge only for the guide.
OTHER ACTIVITIES	None