

Weekend visit to mid Wales

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September 2018

A weekend social event in Wales has been organised based around visiting the Internal Fire Museum of Power at Tanygroes near Cardigan.

The event programme is based on two previous successful IDGTE weekend visits to the same location over the past decade. The event starts with a trip on the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway and can conclude with a visit to the National Trust property at Llanerchaeron.

We are suggesting accommodation is booked in Gwbert overlooking Cardigan Bay with two hotel options (see more details on the following page). We also suggest that the dinner, bed and breakfast option is selected which will facilitate the formation of informal groups for dinner. At the time of compiling this notice the Gwbert Hotel had plenty of rooms available, whereas the Cliff Hotel could only offer a limited number of 'standard rooms' ie without a sea view. We therefore expect that the Gwbert will be the first choice for most.

The proposed timetable for the visit would be as follows:

Saturday 29th September		Postcode
Travel to Welshpool		
10.45	Meet at the Welshpool Raven Square Station	SY21 7LT
11.15	Ride on the scheduled train to Llanfair arriving at 12.00	
12.00	Tour of railway workshops and lunch at The Station Tea Room	
13.00	Return journey to Welshpool arriving at 13.48	
	Travel to Gwbert, Cardigan	SA43 1PP
Sunday 30th September		
10.00	Meet at the Internal Fire Museum of Power at Tanygroes	SA43 2JS
14.00	Visit to National Trust house and gardens at Llanerchaeron	SA48 8DG

Partners not wishing to visit the museum are welcome to make private arrangements with others of a similar mind and move on the National Trust property earlier subject to adequate transport facilities being available.

Costs (correct at the time of publication)

Hotel Varies according to room and hotel. By way of an example the Gwbert Hotel offers a DBB package from £140 per double/twin room.

Return ticket from Welshpool to Llanfair	£13.70/£12.70 Senior
Entrance to the Internal Fire Museum of Power	£6.75 (concessions £6.00)
Entrance to the National Trust Llanerchaeron	£6.45(?) (NT Members - Free)

Additional Information

Internal Fire Museum (www.internalfire.com) SA43 2JS

The museum offers the opportunity to see a wide range of heritage diesel engines and gas turbines each installed in a replica of the original installation. This is an active rather than passive museum and most engines are in working order in a clean environment. Members will be welcomed by Hazel and Paul Evans and will then be guided around the six power halls and all operational engines will be demonstrated in turn. In recent years there have been substantial additions to the museum's stock of working exhibits as detailed on their website. The museum has also developed special interests in W H Allen and Petter products and heritage material. Two new steam halls (one having a paddle steamer engine) and a new marine room are recent additions. The museum has a café, shop and picnic area.

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway, Raven Square Station

www.wllr.org.uk

SY21 7LT

This preserved railway provides a 16 mile return journey from a location on the edge of Welshpool to the village of Llanfair Caereinion through undulating countryside with good views. The railway uses a variety of stock including various steam locomotives and continental coaches.

National Trust Llanerchaeron

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/llanerchaeron

SA48 8DG

This property comprises an 18th century gentry estate with house, water power system, dairy, brewery, organic farm and two walled gardens.

Gwbert Hotel, Gwbert Cardigan, Dyfed

www.gwberthotel.com (01239-612638)

SA43 1PP

This hotel is located on the headland overlooking Cardigan Bay and has a fitness suite, including a jacuzzi and sauna. The Flat Rock Bistro restaurant offers a relaxed and friendly location for a meal.

Cliff Hotel, Gwbert, Cardigan

www.cliffhotel.com (01239-613241)

SA43 1PP

This hotel is set in 30 acres of grounds with views over Cardigan Bay. There is a restaurant along with leisure and health spa facilities.

To allow maximum flexibility to Members and to minimise administration **the hotel booking should be made directly with the individual hotels, and all tickets for the various activities should be purchased by Members as required.** Members can extend their stay at the hotel if desired.

Please advise Carole or Sandra by email if you wish to attend, along with the names of any guests/partners. Please also provide a mobile phone number that will be active during the weekend.