

Didcot Railway Centre visit - Sunday 26th May 2024 (May Bank Holiday weekend)

Perhaps a “niche” event but at the request of the area meeting attendees a trip to a steam up at Didcot Railway Centre. (<https://didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk/>).

They are open from 10.30am until 4pm on all Discovery Days and on Steam Days.

This is a “steam day” and tickets can be (and should be) bought in advance.

[Steam Days | Didcot Railway Centre](#)

Look out for me in the refreshment room at about 11am.

If you want a full “railway experience” it’s a little over an hour by train from Paddington.

Adrian Barnard will be “raising steam” later. Please let him know if you would like to attend.

Area Meal - Saturday 8th June

Saturday 8th June at 7pm at The Bakehouse, Bessemer Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1HH.

“The Bakehouse pub is on the corner of Bessemer Road and Bridge Road, in the Peartree area of Welwyn Garden City. We’re just off Broadwater Road too, a short walk from Welwyn Garden City train station”

<https://www.bakehousepubwgc.co.uk/menus/>

Book a space with Mark Hawkins (areaactivities@barnetplus.com).

Area Conference Sunday 28th July

Booked for the usual (downstairs) area meeting room in St Stephen’s

2pm prompt start.

Please ensure your group is represented.

The King's Lynn Summer Party - 9th – 11th August

Hold the Date! The King's Lynn Summer Party is ON!! We are pleased to announce a new venue has been found, this time WITH SHOWERS!

Even better, there will be bricks and mortar accommodation available as well as the normal camping option, plus a cafe on site. It's all just a hop over the border into Lincolnshire.

Venue - Anglia Motel, A17, Holbeach

Cost £9 per person for weekend or £7 for 1 night plus £8 per tent per night..

Contact: christine@kingslynnplus.org.uk

Plus Walking Holiday 2024 - Friday 16th August 2024, to Monday 19th August 2024

The Plus Walking Holiday 2024 is from Friday 16th August 2024, to Monday 19th August 2024, again this will be Hafran Forest Hidaway for our third and final year. The cost is £270 per person.

For further information please email: - pluswalkingholiday@googlegroups.com

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Area Meal – Venue & date TBC August/September???

I'm thinking about a return to Nonna Rosa in Uxbridge or the Coach & Horses in Rickmansworth. Date and venue to be discussed at the July area conference.

Weekend in Cornwall – Venue TBC new target date 6th – 9th September

Adrian is working on a weekend trip to Cornwall near the Eden project.

Details TBC.

Southern Area Centre Parcs - Friday 13th - Monday 16th September 2024

At Elveden Forest. Accommodation is in double rooms. The cost is £185 per person.

Contact: Nicky.Ansell@hotmail.com

Area Quiz probably October 2024

Likely to be in the usual quiz room in St Stephen's with fish & chips.

Stevenage Plus charity quiz - 2nd November

The Stevenage Plus charity quiz is on 2nd November, at Hampson Park, Stevenage (which is where Stevenage had their 40th quiz).

The charity is People for People.

Nessa is leading, Mark & Kelly are quiz mastering.

While this is not a dedicated Plus Quiz, as it is open to the public, Erik thought it might be nice if some Plussers from other groups chose to put up .

Area Meal – at some stage later in 2024 (November?)

Likely to be at The Gate, Bricket Wood (<https://www.thegatebricketwood.co.uk/index>) but TBC.

National Spring Holiday - Friday 25th to Monday 28th April 2025

Join us for our first year at a change of site to Hoburne Bashley (New Forest) for 2025.

Accommodation will be with 4 people sharing a six berth or 3 people sharing a four berth.

The weekend includes on site entertainment, plus the annual Treasure Hunt and Sunday afternoon quiz.

As in previous years the accommodation is mixed, but all of high quality. Numbers are limited but these can be expanded on if required.

£95.00 per person with a £50 deposit to secure your place.

<http://www.plusgroups.org.uk/plus/national-activities/springbreak/>

Contact Ben for more information (allenben@live.co.uk)