

'The Great Stink'

Tuesday 26th April and Thursday 26th May 2022

Price £52.00 to include coach, services of a Blue Badge Guide throughout the day, River Trip to Greenwich, Entrance and Guided Tour of Crossness Pumping Station, coffee and tea.
Bring your own packed lunch.

We will meet our Blue Badge Guide at 10.30am in the **City for morning coffee** at a pub with possibly the best loos in London. We will hear the story of 'spending a penny' from Roman times to the coming of the flush loo, the problems which led to the *The Great Stink* of 1858 and how Victorian engineer Sir Joseph Bazalgette achieved one of the most remarkable feats of civil engineering ever seen by building massive intercepting sewers beneath new Embankments created by pushing back the mighty Thames behind stone walls. Here we will board a **Thames Pleasure Cruiser to take us to Greenwich**, eating our packed lunches en route.

From Greenwich the coach takes us further east past Woolwich to the **Thames Marshes and the 'Cathedral of Sewage'** the highlight of the day, where we will have a guided tour of this most spectacular ornamental Victorian cast ironwork and possibly the world's largest surviving beam engines. There's a museum and a social story here too – the workers lived on site in terraced cottages built right above the massive sewage storage tank. Mesh at the windows kept the flies at bay. It must have stunk to high Heaven but my goodness they grew good tomatoes! A most unusual day comes to a conclusion with **tea and biscuits at Crossness** before heading home at 4.30pm.

Instructions – please read carefully

To join this trip please complete the form below and send with your cheque payable to Guildford Area U3A (and a SAE **ONLY** if you do not have an email address) to **Jackie Ring, 14 Manston Road, Guildford, GU4 7YE. Email: ring_jackie@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01483 824450 or mob: (on the day only please) 07544 907 098.** Please ensure your email address and telephone numbers are completed to enable us to confirm whether or not there is a place available or to contact you with a query. We aim only to send postal confirmation if you do not have an email address, in which case please then send a SAE. Please take great care to complete your pickup point and the names of all other parties booked by you. All trips are only available to fully paid-up Guildford U3A members (for insurance purposes) and membership numbers must be given. Refunds cannot be given unless a replacement can be found.

Deadlines for bookings – 11th April for the 26th April trip, and 11th May for the 26th May trip

Pick up points: A Artington Park and Ride 08:00, B Nightingale Road/Guildford High School 08:10, C Elgin Gardens (near Burchatts Farm) 08:15, and D opposite BP garage Burpham 08:25. Please check any parking restrictions at your chosen pick-up point. You can park in nearby roads, car-share or pay the parking fees.

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Name		Home No.		Your Guildford U3A membership no.	
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Others booked by you on the visit				Their Guildford U3A membership no.	
Email address					
Postal address					
Date Please circle	Outing	Cost	No. of places	Cheque total	Coach pickup times
Tuesday 26 April 2022 OR Thursday 26 May 2022 OR either date	The Great Stink	£52.00			A 8.00 B 8.10 C 8.15 D 8.25