

Welcome to the July edition of PhotoNews, this edition contains details of the July Stroll on WEDNESDAY 31st July.

Wednesday 31st July to Gravesend and Tilbury Fort

This stroll will travel to Gravesend, wander through the town and heritage Quarter before boarding the ferry across the river Thames to Tilbury where we will have lunch before visiting Tilbury Fort, after that we will catch the ferry back to Gravesend and catch a train back to Lewisham



There is not a great deal of walking on this Stroll, but you should be aware that the fort is mainly grass banks some of which are quite steep, so good shoes are pretty essential. There are ample toilet facilities on this Stroll.

Travel Arrangements

Outward Train We need to catch the 9:56 so we will need to meet at 9:45 at Lewisham Station. This train arrives in Gravesend at 10:38 It may be convenient to get on this train at an intermediate stop such as Blackheath or Eltham rather than come to Lewisham so check your local timetable. A cheap day return costs £5:70 with a senior railcard and a bit less if you have a freedom pass when you should pay from Dartford

Ferry The ferry is free to freedom pass holders and is reduced for other concessionary fare holders. If you don't qualify then it will be £4 return. I anticipate that we will catch the noon ferry to Tilbury and, at the latest, we will catch the 4:12 ferry back to Gravesend because peak fares apply after that.

Train Home we will catch a train about 5pm

Lunch



For lunch there is no real choice except the pub at Tilbury appropriately called the Worlds End! It has a typical pub menu with specials most days see trip advisor. Although the pub has been there for around 500 years it has not yet got around to making a website!

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g2527614-d2623532-Reviews-World s End-Tilbury Thurrock Essex England.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g2527614-d2623532-Reviews-World_s_End-Tilbury_Thurrock_Essex_England.html)

Tilbury Fort



Tilbury Fort on the Thames estuary has protected London's seaward approach from the 16th century through to the Second World War. Henry VIII built the first fort here, and Queen Elizabeth I famously rallied her army nearby to face the threat of the Armada. The present fort is much the best



example of its type in England, with its circuit of moats and bastioned outworks. You can explore the magazine houses used to store vast quantities of gunpowder or enter the bastion magazine passages and feel what it was like for the soldiers who lived here. Our exhibition traces the role of the fort in the defence of London. You can obtain a free voice guide which is probably worthwhile as the signage is non-existent, Tilbury Fort is an English Heritage site <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/tilbury-fort/>

Entrance is £5:90 for seniors free for English Heritage members. There is no proper café on site but there are toilets.



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