

# PRICKWILLOW ENGINE TRUST: THE MUSEUM OF FENLAND DRAINAGE

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The Museum and Its Engines: The Museum was originally set up in 1982, by a band of enthusiasts who formed a Trust whose aim was to save, restore, and preserve this vital piece of our Industrial heritage. "The Friends of the Engine", a group of working volunteers have over the years restored and rebuilt the original 1929 Mirrlees, Bickerton and Day Diesel 5 cylinder engine, together with the second largest engine, a Vickers Petter. Also on show are a single cylinder Ruston and a three cylinder Allen which form part of a unique collection of rescued diesel engines from pumping stations in the district. We have an impressive display of the engineering achievements of a bygone age and we have special run days when as many engines as possible will be demonstrated running engines in all their glory and power. Exhibits include several large vintage diesel pumping engines. Displays cover the historical and technical aspects of fen drainage over many centuries. There are video clips of engines in operation and demonstration running of one or more large engines is usually possible for a group.

The museum is on the B1882 at the eastern fringe of Prickwillow village, by the bridge over the River Lark (on the Hereward Way footpath) and has a large, free car park.

Opening Times: April & October: Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays 11.00 to 16.00hrs - May 1st to September 30th Mon, Tues, Sat, Sun: 11.00 to 16.30hrs. The cost of admission is: Adults £3, Children £1, Senior Citizens £2, Family £6. While on Events & Run Days: Adults £4, Children £1.50, Senior Citizens £3, Family £10. Group visits welcome any time, subject to availability of volunteer guides. Group rates for 10 or more.

## **Programme:**

- Oct 10 **Ploughing Festival:** The Prickwillow Engine Trust is holding its first ploughing festival including Arts and Crafts Fair, Trade Stands, Farmers' Market (11.00 to about 16.30hrs) – to support Cancer Research
- Dec 12 **Christmas Special Run Day**

Further information about the Programme is available from the Museum.

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