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Speed and Steam at Didcot: a unique day out

Go back 50 or more years, and young boys wanted to be train drivers because they perceived it as glamorous, and one way to travel (drive) fast. Nowadays, young people want to be F1 racing drivers for the same reasons.

Didcot Railway Centre in conjunction with the Williams F1 Conference Centre is offering a unique day out combining both dreams, and not just for boys! Called Speed & Steam, it costs £155 for the day, and takes place on Saturday 26 July.

The day begins in front of Didcot Parkway railway station at about 0900 aboard a vintage bus to the Williams F1 Conference Centre, which includes the largest private F1 museum in the world, at Grove (Wantage).

The guided tour of this rarely open to the public facility, includes the superbly presented museum, with approximately 40 F1 cars, presented chronologically, and also a chance to sit in an F1 car (subject to availability) and visits to the technology room, and the very impressive trophy room.

Return to Didcot for a delicious lunch, followed by a guided tour around the railway centre.

See the replica broad gauge locomotives, Fire Fly and Iron Duke (from the National Collection), and the 20 other Great Western Railway steam locomotives.

See also, the progress on the new replica Saint and County locomotives in the workshops, as well as on the locomotive repatriated from Australia, Pendennis Castle.

See the newly launched King Edward II, recently returned to steam for the first time in nearly 50 years.

See the newly launched Steam Railmotor; the only one in existence! Now with its own auto-trailer, making it the only SMU (Steam Multiple Unit) in the world.

The DNA of every multiple unit train anywhere in the world.

Enjoy a footplate ride on a steam locomotive.

The day finishes around 1630 with tea.

Feel the passion, and see the technology and majesty of the speeding steam locomotives of the 1930s, and enjoy the story of F1's longest serving independent team, by joining us on this exclusive Steam and Speed day out experience.

Tickets for this special day are limited to an absolute maximum of 20, and cost £155 per person.

Please call the centre on 01235 817200 to book tickets.

Kind regards,

Adrian Brodie (Publicity Officer)

