

Questers Outing 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

to **New Forest Heritage Centre** and **Eling Tide Mill**

This trip is to two places of interest. Leaving Wickes at 9.30 we shall travel by minibus to the New Forest Heritage Centre in Lyndhurst. Entry is free and if there is anything you don't know about the New Forest as you go in, you will come out knowing everything. Well almost.

Around 12.30 we will board the minibus and travel to the Anchor Inn on the Totton waterfront for lunch. After that it is a short walk to the Eling Tide Mill. Such mills used to be common around the coast of Britain, (there were about seven in the Solent), but now just two are maintained in working order. They work on an outgoing tide, which on the day of our visit is from 14.00 to 17.00.

We hope that a guide will be able to explain all the workings, but if not there will be volunteers on hand to answer questions. There are short flights of stairs to take us up to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors – if you cannot manage these there is a video to watch. After touring the mill we can spend time in the nearby Visitor Centre which has models showing how the milling works and explaining the history of the area. Time after this for a cup of tea (certainly) and a stroll on the nearby boardwalk (weather permitting). Return to Wickes between 16.30 and 17.00

Cost £15 to cover minibus and mill entry.

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