

A visit to Stanley Ferry Workshops, Wakefield

Date: 10th May 2017

Start time: 2pm Location: see below

Dear members and guests,

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The Keighley Association of Engineers is pleased to announce a May event in our 2017 syllabus, a visit to **Stanley Ferry Workshops**, **Wakefield**.

Stanley Ferry Workshop is one of only two places in the UK where lock gates are manufactured and refurbished by the Trust, with almost 100 individual gates handcrafted every year. The workshop, based in Wakefield, will be opened up for Members to see how the massive gates are expertly crafted.

Each lock gate is unique and made to measure, requiring detailed and accurate manufacturing by the Trust's craftsmen. Over the years thousands of lock gates have been made at this workshop. Lock gates are constructed with tremendous strength as they have to control huge water pressures, take the hard usage they get from the thousands of boats using the gates, and survive for a long time under water.



Stanley Ferry Aqueduct

Location details: Website: https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/news/discover-the-secrets-of-stanley-ferry-workshop

Stanley Ferry Workshop, Ferry Lane, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4LZ Tel: 01924 371816

From the M62 East or West leave the motorway at junction 30 and take the A642 towards Wakefield. Follow the road for approximately 2 miles, passing The Grove Primary School on the left and then take the next left onto Ferry Lane. Drive for approximately half a mile, pass over the river bridge and the workshops entrance is the next right turning just before the traffic lights on the canal bridge.

- There is sufficient free car parking at Stanley Ferry Workshops.
In fact the main gate is just past the Stanley Ferry Inn.

Please book with John Pankhurst @ <u>ipankurst@totalise.co.uk</u> or mobile 07582 822922 before the visit to assist with the planning.