

Prickwillow Engine Museum CIO

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Information for teachers who have brought their classes to Prickwillow Engine Museum for workshops as part of the curriculum.

The links to information below might be of interest for your pupils studying about fenland and drainage. Obviously visits to the Museum workshops have been restricted during the current lockdown rules and may not be available until next year.

Museum Website

There are three videos on our website at prickwillowmuseum.com. Wind Steam and Diesel, which also includes footage of the engines; Pumping Water a brief history of drainage; the Fenland Flood of 1947 together with the link to Mike Petty article on the floods.

For older children there are articles on the engineering pages about the different internal combustion engines.

Other Links you may find relevant depending on the age of the children

There is a 9 minute old film on East Anglian Film Archives (eafa.org.uk Draining the Fens 1947 The Fens) about the 1947 floods but also shows footage of the landscape and life before drainage – such as the punt gun, and original drainage schemes, and securing the river banks etc after the flood.

There are some interesting articles on the website greatfen.org.uk – heritage – a brief history of the Great Fen – articles from 1450 to 2000.

There is also an animation on drainage of Whittlesea Mere -although this is biased towards habitat restoration. There is an article on Holme Fen Posts about the fen shrinkage (About the Great Fen – Heritage – Holme Fen Posts).