

# Visit to

# Wiggenhall St Germans Pumping Station

## Fri 22 April

(by kind permission of David Thomas, Chief Engineer, Middle Level Commissioners)

Built in 1934, the old pumping station was pushed to its limit in April 1998 when it pumped at full capacity for a continuous 50hrs. Any failure then would have meant disaster for 20,000 homes and £3.6 billion-worth of agricultural land. The decision was taken to replace it with the new station capable of pumping 100tonnes of water per second, which was commissioned in April 2011.

### Just a few vital statistics:

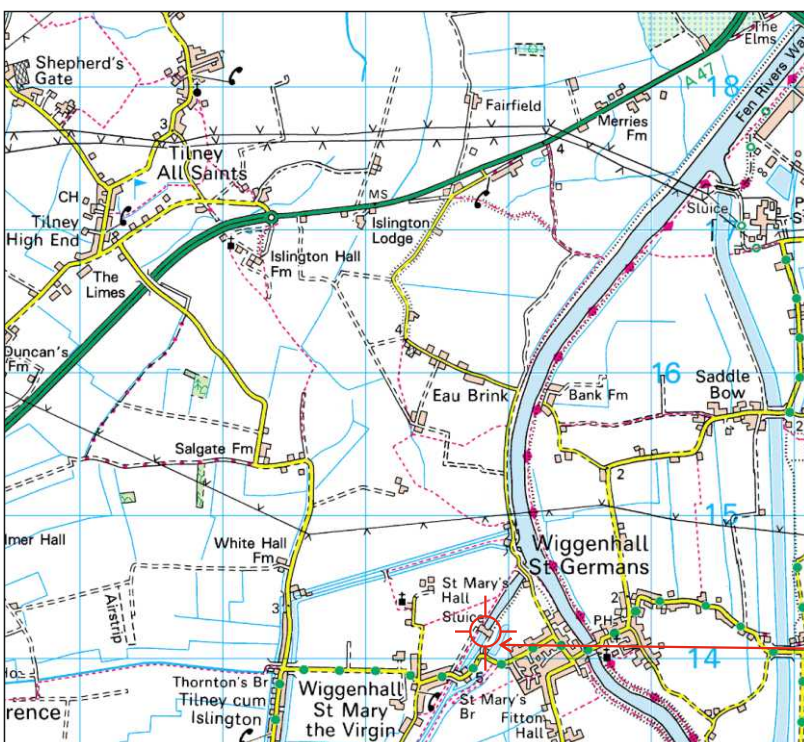
- It could empty an olympic swimming pool in 25secs
- A Mini-Cooper could fit into each of the 6 pump impellers
- The station can still operate if completely flooded internally
- It is the largest flood defence pumping station in the UK

### VISIT DETAILS

- Places limited to 20. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** - see below.
- Ample parking
- Address: Sluice Rd, Wiggenhall St Germans
- Nearest Postcode PE34 3ET
- Please arrive in time for a 2:30pm start
- Visit will last approx 1.5hrs
- The pumping station has steps and no alternative disabled access

### TO RESERVE A PLACE

- email [secretary@growersclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@growersclub.org.uk) with names of visitors **by Wed 20 Apr.**
- Places allocated on 1st come 1st served basis.
- Please indicate if you need a lift or can offer any spare place(s).



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