

ANNUAL OUTING

VENUE: WEDGWOOD POTTERY & MUSEUM, STOKE-ON-TRENT

DATE: THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014

The coach leaves Linton Memorial Hall at 8.30 am. prompt.

COST: £27.00 per person

This includes coach travel, entrance to the Wedgwood Pottery & Museum, driver's tip, coffee & biscuits in the morning and orange juice/champagne on the return journey. Lunch is not included but there is a good restaurant and picnic areas on-site.

Our annual outing this year is a change from those to the stately homes and gardens we have become accustomed to in the past few years. Nestled in the heart of Staffordshire's beautiful countryside, Wedgwood's 'Factory in the Garden' is surrounded by tree-lined avenues, vast green fields, woodland walks, peaceful lakes and bustling waterways.

Josiah Wedgwood's pottery, founded in 1759, is probably the most famous in England. The Home of Wedgwood is a fascinating journey through 250 years of ceramic production. On the factory tour we will see all aspects of the traditional and modern production processes and watch at first-hand how raw clay is transformed into fine bone china and Wedgwood Jasperware. From the 18th century to today, traditional craft skills are employed, now combined with modern technology and design, to create remarkable ceramic ware.

Further details of the outing are attached. You can also see these on our website at <http://www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk> – follow link to Special Events.

The outing is open to members and their guests, so if you would like to join us, please complete the form below and return the tear-off part with your cheque, made payable to Linton Antique Society, to Mary Barnett, 3 Grizedale Close, Wetherby LS22 6FQ.

The outing is often over-subscribed so please return your form as soon as possible.

LINTON ANTIQUE SOCIETY: WEDGWOOD POTTERY & MUSEUM

MEMBER'S NAME(S):

TELEPHONE NO:

NAMES OF GUESTS:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (£27.00 per person):

OUTING TO WEDGWOOD POTTERY & MUSEUM, THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014

Departure: 8.30am from Linton Memorial Hall.

Journey Time: Approximately 2 hours 30 minutes. There will be a toilet stop in both directions. Coffee and biscuits will be served on the coach.

Return Time: 3.30pm. Arrive back in Linton at approximately 6.00pm.

This will allow approximately four-and-a-half hours to explore the Wedgwood factory, museum and visitor centre, watch and possibly take part in making pottery, and visit the shops.

Refreshments: There is a large restaurant/café with plenty of choice for lunch or snacks. For those who wish to take a picnic there is outside seating and picnic areas in the grounds.

Exploring the Factory: We have an inclusive guided tour to see pottery being made, which lasts for approximately 45 minutes. We will be divided into groups of 15 people for this visit which will take place at different times. See <http://www.wedgwoodmuseum.org.uk/visit/factory-tour>

The Museum: Fascinating displays about Josiah Wedgwood and the history of the pottery over the past 250 years. See <http://www.wedgwoodmuseum.org.uk/visit/floor-plans-and-must-sees>

Visitor Centre: Here you can discover items of pottery not on display elsewhere or find out any other information you wish to know. See <http://www.wedgwoodvisitorcentre.com/> Here you can also see the **Master Ceramic Experience** and try your hand at making small things (there is an additional cost for this) or just watch others doing it.

Shopping: There are two shops to explore, offering first quality or seconds. See <http://www.wedgwoodmuseum.org.uk/visit/wedgwood-shop>

The Park: There are extensive grounds in which to wander.

