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THE ELGAR MUSEUM nr. WORCESTER & HELLENS MANOR nr. LEDBURY

THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2019

As the number of Friends applying to join the visit to the Elgar Museum & Hellens Manor in June greatly exceeded the places available a further visit has been arranged. Please note unsuccessful applicants for the June visit are asked to complete a new application form and cheque.

- 8.00am Coach departs National Museum Wales, Cathays Park.
- 8.15 Pick up passengers at Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park.
- 10.15 Arrive at Elgar Museum, near Worcester for coffee & biscuits.
- 10.45 Talk followed by tour of the Elgar Museum (National Trust). The party will be divided into groups.
- 12.30pm Leave the Elgar Museum for Hellens Manor.
- 1.30 Arrive at Hellens Manor for lunch.
- 2.30 First group conducted tour of Hellens Manor, followed by time to visit gardens.
- 3.00 Following visit to the gardens, the second group tour Hellens Manor.
- 4.45 Leave Hellens Manor arriving back in Cardiff around 6 pm.

'The Firs' near Worcester was the birthplace of Edward Elgar, one of England's greatest composers. Born on the 2nd June 1857, the son of a local musician and piano tuner, Elgar had no formal musical training and spent his early years involved in the musical life of his home county Worcestershire. From these humble beginnings, Elgar took the musical world of late Victorian England by storm with the publication of the "Enigma Variations" in 1899. In the years that followed, as Elgar received many accolades and honours, with his music performed across the world, he still held a deep regard for his birthplace. Perhaps this is summed up by Elgar's own words: ' I don't expect much from the nation, but if they ever think it worthwhile, I wish they would buy this little cottage. It's the only wish I've got, about the nation and me'. At last Elgar has his wish, with the cottage and gardens now under the stewardship of the National Trust.

During our visit, following coffee and biscuits on arrival, we will have opportunities to visit the cottage, gardens, see a short film and visit the small exhibition.

Following our visit to the Elgar Museum we move on to Hellens Manor near Ledbury for a buffet two-course lunch. You will then be divided into two groups for a conducted tour of the truly remarkable medieval Manor house, originally built back in the thirteenth-century. Over the centuries following, the families that owned the manor, and especially the Walwyn family, experienced a very colourful history, with many highs and lows, especially during the Tudor and Civil War periods. This story will be retold by the guide who will lead you around the house. There is also a café in the gardens where you may wish to purchase drinks and light refreshments.

The cost includes the coach and gratuities, coffee and biscuits on arrival at the Elgar Museum, admission to Hellens Manor and the two-course lunch. Admission to the Elgar Museum is free to National Trust members (please remember to bring your National Trust card). Please note that there are uneven surfaces, and narrow/steep stairs in both properties. Please wear strong shoes.

The cost of the day is £45 for National Trust Members and £52.60 for non-National Trust members.

To join us, make your cheque payable to **Friends of National Museum Wales**, and send the completed cheque and form below to Richard Carter, 2 Maes y Deri, Rhiwbina, Cardiff CF14 6JJ. Email: richard.carter@friendsmuseumwales.org.uk
Tel: 029 620687 Mobile: 07921811996.

NB Please do not pay for more than one event on the same cheque.

Visit to the Elgar Museum and Hellens Manor, Thursday 3rd October 2019

Name(s) _____ Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel _____ Email _____

Please reserve ___ places for the above visit. I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£45 for National Trust members/ £ 52.60 for non - National Trust members) in favour of Friends of National Museum Wales.

I/ we shall be boarding the coach at the NMW Cathays Park _____ Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park _____

I/we confirm membership of Friends Museum Wales _____ I/we confirm membership of the National Trust _____