

**Tuesday, 6 August 2019**

**Royal Worcester Porcelain Museum & Worcester Cathedral**

**Royal Worcester Porcelain Museum** holds the largest collection of Worcester porcelain in the world (over 10,000 ceramic objects) and has undergone a major £1.7 million refurbishment supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It re-opened to the general public in June 2018. The 'Behind the Scenes Talk' by Jane Tudge will include an opportunity to handle some of the items in the china and archive stores and to hear sound bites from the exceptional audio history recordings, where past workers use their own words to describe their jobs on the factory floor and give an entertaining insight to the history of Royal Worcester.

**Worcester Cathedral** is one of England's loveliest cathedrals. The present cathedral church, dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, was built between 1084 and 1504 and represents every style of English architecture from Norman to Perpendicular. It is famous for its Norman Crypt, unique early 12th century circular Chapter House, the Tomb of King John with its fine 13th century effigy in the centre of the Choir and the nearby Chantry Chapel of Prince Arthur (Henry VIII's elder brother who died at the age of 15 at Ludlow Castle). There is also a magnificent display of Victorian stained glass windows and a fascinating ancient library and archive, which houses the second largest collection of medieval manuscripts in any cathedral in the UK.

The coach will be parked alongside the Porcelain Museum. Worcester Cathedral is just a few minutes walk away. There is a very good range of restaurants and bars in the vicinity, where Friends will have ample time to make their own lunch arrangements. Following the guided tour of the Cathedral, there will be further time to explore the Cathedral and the city, or an opportunity for afternoon tea, before the journey back to Cardiff.

**The programme for the day:**

7.45 am	Depart from National Museum, Cathays Park	2.15 pm	Meet in Cathedral cloister outside the Shop
8.15 am	Depart from Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park	2.30 pm	Guided Tour (1 hour)
10.00 am	Arrive Worcester Porcelain Museum -Tea/Coffee & Biscuits on arrival. 'Behind the Scenes' talk by Jane Tudge (45 minutes), plus time to explore the Museum.	3.30 pm	Free time to further explore Cathedral and/or Worcester (There is usually an Organ recital / practice at 3.30 pm in the Cathedral)
12.00 pm	Lunch - own arrangements	5.00 pm	Depart for Cardiff
		7.00 pm	Arrive in Cardiff (approximately)

The cost of the visit, which includes coach, tour/talk at the Porcelain Museum, tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival; guided tour of Worcester Cathedral and inclusive of gratuities is **£36**. If you wish to join this visit, please send a cheque payable to '**Friends of NMW**', together with the completed form to:

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**Please include a stamped addressed envelope only if you have not provided an email address or you wish to receive a priority voucher should the visit be oversubscribed.**

**Deadline – Please book by Saturday, 27 July at the very latest.**

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**Name(s):** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Please reserve ..... places(s) for the above visit. I enclose a cheque for the sum of £ ..... (£36 per person) and a SAE (if you do not have an email address)**

**I / We will board the coach at: The Museum, Cathays Park / Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park.**  
 (Please DELETE as appropriate)

**I/We confirm membership of the Friends of the National Museum of Wales** .....