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VISIT TO WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY AND DUNSTER

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015

- 8.15 Coach depart National Museum Wales, Cathays Park.
- 8.30 Pick up passengers at Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park
- 10.45 Arrive Bishop Lydeard station for trip on West Somerset Railway at 11.05am.
- 12.20 Arrive at Dunster Station, where coach will take us to Dunster village. The bus will drop us at a designated coach dropping-off area on the High Street.
- 12.30- 4.15 Lunch own arrangements, followed by time to explore the places of interest in Dunster village and/or visit Dunster Castle and Gardens (National Trust)
- 4.15 (**promptly**) Leave Dunster from dropping off point. Pick up area in High Street, arriving back in Cardiff around 6.30.

The West Somerset Railway is the longest standard gauge Heritage Railway in Britain, running twenty miles through ten stations from Bishop Lydeard nr. Taunton to Minehead among the beautiful Somerset countryside. Coffee and biscuits, included in the cost of the visit, will be served on the train.

Dunster is a charming, picturesque village with many interesting places to visit. These include the Yarn Market, a very old circular building in the High Street, and St Georges Church and gardens. The village itself has many interesting shops, including a book and antique shop. There is a wide choice of places to eat, ranging from the Lutterell Hotel restaurant (often quite full, so pre-booking meal recommended), to places serving more modest refreshments.

Dunster Castle and Gardens, overlooking the village, are well worth a visit. Formerly owned by the Lutterell family, who played a prominent role locally during the English Civil War, it became a National Trust property in 1949. The Gardens are large and full of interesting shrubs and flowers.

The walk from High Street to the Castle is by a quite steep incline and is around half a mile long. There is, however, a shuttle bus that runs regularly from the visitor information centre / ticket office to the Castle, involving a relatively sharp incline walk from the village of approximately 70 yards. Alternatively, you may wish to take a slightly longer route to the shuttle bus from West Street along a less steep incline.

The cost of the day, which includes the journey on the West Somerset Railway, coffee and biscuits on the train, the coach and driver's gratuity is £35.00. To join us, make your cheque, made payable to 'Friends of Museum Wales', and the completed form to Richard Carter, 5 The Close, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5NG Email: richard.carter@friendsmuseumwales.org.uk Tel: 029 2076 5177 Mobile: 07921811996.

Please enclose 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.

To: Friends of Museum Wales

Visit to West Somerset Railway & Dunster, Wednesday 10 June 2015

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel _____ Email _____

Please reserve ___ places for the above event. I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£35.00 person)

I/we shall be boarding the coach at: National Museum Wales, Cathays Park _____ Wild Garden Road, Roath Park _____

I/we confirm membership of Friends Museum Wales _____