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THE ROYAL MINT EXPERIENCE
& LIGHT LUNCH AT ST. FAGANS MUSEUM
TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2018

The *Royal Mint* is a government owned mint that produces coins for the United Kingdom. Operating under the name *Royal Mint Ltd*, the mint is a **limited company** that is wholly owned by **Her Majesty's Treasury** and is under an exclusive contract to supply all the nation's coinage. As well as minting circulating coins for use domestically and internationally, the mint also produces **commemorative coins**, various types of medals and **precious metal bullion**. The mint exports to an average of 60 countries a year, making up 70% of its total sales. The original London mint from which the Royal Mint takes heritage was established in 886 AD and operated within the **Tower of London** for approximately 800 years. As Britain followed the rest of the world in **decimalising** its currency, the Mint moved from London to a new 38 acres (15 ha) plant in Llantrisant, where it has remained since. The Mint made a record profit of £11 million in 2016, it expanded and diversified its operations and now includes the **Royal Mint Museum**, and a £9 million visitor centre.

We spend the rest of the afternoon at *St. Fagans National Museum of History* where we are served a light lunch and enjoy free time. One totally new project, Gweithdy, is a multi-purpose sustainable building housing a new gallery/activity space. It will celebrate the skills of makers past and present, and encourage visitors of all ages experience those skills first-hand. Just one of many new developments helping complete the latest stage of the £32 million redevelopment project to transform St Fagans.

The programme for the day is as follows:

- 8.30 am Depart National Museum Cathays Park.
- 8.45 am Depart Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park.
- 9.30 am Arrive Royal Mint, Llantrisant.
- 12.30 pm Depart for St. Fagans Museum.
- 4.00 pm Depart for Cardiff.

The total charge for the day including coach travel, entrance fees, tea/coffee on arrival including lunch and driver's gratuity is £30.00. To join us please send your cheque and application form to Dorn Swaffield, Lower House Barns, Michaelston-le-Pit, Dinas Powis, Vale of Glamorgan. CF64 4HE. Tel: 029 2051 3956. **Email** dorn.swaffield@gmail.com
Remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope **only** if you have no E-Mail address.

To: Friends of National Museum Wales

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Please reserveplaces for the above event. I enclose a cheque for £.....(£32.00 per person.) and SAE.

I / We shall be boarding the coach at: _____ Museum Steps _____ Wild Gardens Road

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