

KU3A Outing to Middleport Pottery/Trentham Gardens – Monday 17th June 2019: £23 per person



The award-winning pottery was built in 1888 and has been the location for 'The Great Pottery Throw Down'.

The tour of just over an hour shows **Burleigh Ceramic Ware** being produced from a lump of clay using the same methods as in 1880s. You also visit Europe's largest collection of ceramic moulds, the enormous bottle kiln, a fully restored steam engine which once powered the whole factory and some fascinating Victorian offices, as well as the original workers' bathhouse and the historic narrow boat.

Because it is a working factory it can be quite noisy at times and, as it is a Victorian building, can be physically demanding, with several flights of steep stairs, uneven surfaces and no seating available. However a more accessible tour, with fewer stairs and using a lift, can be arranged in advance for those with mobility problems. There are also ten craft shops to visit. www.middleportpottery.org

<u>Itinerary:</u> Deadline – 03/05/2019	
8.25/30	Leave Kenilworth
10.30 (approx)	Middleport Pottery
11.00	Tours start (groups of 10)
12.45 (approx)	Leave Pottery
13.15	Arrive Trentham Gardens
	Lunch
<u>Choice</u>	Restaurants / shops
OR	Gardens (£9 /£10 on day)
16.00	Leave Trentham Gardens
17.30 (approx)	Arrive home

Trentham Gardens, attributed to Charles Bridgeman and redesigned by Capability Brown was returned to a more formal garden in the 1840s by Sir Charles Barry. The original Italian Garden and the 100 metres long ironwork frame of the Trellis Walk were then revived in 2004 with contemporary perennial plants. You can go into the gardens by **paying £10 on the day, OR** if 12+ members wish to go we can arrange it for £9.



Alternatively, eat and shop in any of the 77 timber lodges forming Trentham Shopping Village. www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-gardens

Booking Form: Middleport Pottery/Trentham Gardens on 17.06.2019: £23 per person

Name: Address:

Post Code Email address: (optional).....

Your Home &/or Mobile Phone Number(s)

Emergency (ICE) contact name/number

Please tick where you will meet coach: **Abbey Fields:** depart 8.25 a.m.

OR **Kenilworth Clock:** depart 8.30 a.m.

I would like to book the more accessible tour for number?

Optional: Trentham Gardens - £10 extra ON DAY (12 or more people £9): Yes / No number?

Cost: (coach; guided pottery tour and gratuities - refunds not guaranteed) £23

U3A Memb. no: No. of tickets Total: £.....

Cheques only. **Middleport 17.06.19** on the back: payable to **Kenilworth U3A** and with a **SAE** enclosed to Mrs. J. Clare, 208 Warwick Rd, Kenilworth, CV8 1FD (or hand in at an Open Meeting).

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