Huddersfield Civic Society Day Trip 2011

Day Trip to Nottingham and Bolsover Castle – Sunday 18th September (£26.50/£19.50* each)

We will be given a guided tour of the historic city of Nottingham by its Civic Society, with a possibility of going inside the recently Grade II* listed Council House. After a couple of hours free for lunch and museum or castle visits we move to Bolsover Castle for the afternoon then the Blue Bell in Bolsover for tea.

Nottingham has seen a great deal of regeneration over the last few years, including a tram network.
Its Civic Society is determined to temper inappropriate and excessive development, which threatens to impinge on the city and its aspects.

Bolsover occupies the hilltop site of a medieval fortress built by the Peverel family. The wealthy Sir Charles Cavendish - who already owned several other great mansions, including one only a few miles away - bought the old fortress in 1612 and began work on his Little Castle project. His son William - playboy, poet, courtier and later Civil War Royalist general and first Duke of Newcastle - inherited the Little Castle in 1617 and set about its completion, assisted by the architect John Smythson. What resulted was a kind of 'toy keep', housing tiers of luxurious staterooms. The exquisitely carved fireplaces, and richly-coloured murals and panelling of its miraculously preserved and beautifully restored interiors still take the visitor on an allegorical journey from earthly concerns to heavenly (and erotic) delights.
William also added the vast and stately Terrace Range overlooking the Vale of Scarsdale, now a dramatic roofless shell. Finally he constructed the cavernous Riding House with its magnificent roof and viewing galleries, among the finest surviving indoor riding schools in the country and a landmark in British equestrianism: here he indulged his passion for training great horses in stately dressage. The Venus Fountain, with 23 new statues, plays again for the first time in centuries.
(The ticket cost includes an audio guide (the machine you hold to your ear)).

Planned itinerary:
8.30am depart from outside Kirklees College, New North Road (parking on site at owner's risk).
10.15am arrive at Nottingham for guided tour.
12.30pm free time for museums and lunch.
2.15pm depart for Bolsover.
3.00pm arrive at Bolsover Castle.
5.00pm Castle closes, walk down to the Blue Bell for tea.
6.30pm leave Bolsover.
8.00pm arrive back at Huddersfield.

BOOKING FORM OVERLEAF – NON-MEMBERS WELCOME.

Bolsover Castle

*** Members of English Heritage enter Bolsover Castle free with a valid card – £7 deducted from the total price. Card must be presented at the gate.**

Booking Form for day trip to Nottingham and Bolsover Castle Sunday 18th Sept 2011

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Tel_____

Mobile Telephone _____

Cheques payable to Huddersfield Civic Society please, to:
Richard Huddleston, 3 Booth Bank, Huddersfield HD7 5XA Tel 01484 847562.
before August 21st (no receipts issued)**..**

I enclose a cheque for £_____ (**£26.50 each, NOT English Heritage member**)
and/or
I enclose a cheque for £_____ (**£19.50 each, WILL be English Heritage member on 21st May**)

Tea at the Blue Bell:

Please order ____ minced beef slice, chips and peas

Please order ____ fishcake and chips

Please order ____ cheese & onion slice and chips

Please order ____ lemon meringue pie

Please order ____ chocolate fudge cake

Please order ____ ice cream

Nottingham Council House and Old Market Square