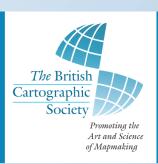
A BLACK COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

with

The British Cartographic Society 12тн - 13тн July 2013



As part of its 50th anniversary celebrations, the British Cartographic Society is organising a two day trip to the Black Country to sample the best the area has to offer. Local writer and broadcaster, Graham Fisher MBE, will escort you through an exploration of the area's industrial heritage - from the first canals built for transportation of mineral ores to the manufacturing of glass, its demise and the rise of artisan glassmaking.

DAY 1: CANALS

Dudley Canal and Limestone Mines

45min boat trip into the caves with commentary

Black Country Living Museum

- introductory welcome then free time to explore
- lunch at Hobbs Fish Shop or Rolfe Street Café

Dudley Archives

view a selection of maps of Lord Ward's canals into the mines and other items of industrial and archaeological significance

Ma Pardoes (Old Swan)

supper at a traditional old Black Country pub with excellent ale brewed on-site and local speciality of 'faggots and paes'





DAY 2: GLASS

lewels on the Cut Walk

a 1½ mile gentle stroll along the Stourbridge Canal highlighting the many glassmaking facilities and other industrial manufacturies that once operated in the area

Red House Glass Cone

- audio tour of the cone including glass blowing demonstration
- free time to explore the art and craft studios
- 1940s theme this weekend with re-enactors, military vehicles and vintage stalls

Hands-on Glass Session

- lunch provided in the Red Cone Coffee House
- an opportunity to try your hand at glassmaking with Charlotte Hughes-Martin

Stourbridge Glass

- presentation 'Stourbridge Glass and the 2012 Portland Vase' by Graham Fisher MBE
- see the 2012 Portland Vase, Auldjo Jug and other cameo glass pieces

Cost £88 per person to include entrance to all venues, lunch on Friday and Saturday, supper on Friday including coach from hotel and return. Closing date for registration Friday 21st June.

Accommodation is available at the 4* Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill to include dinner, B&B on Thursday 11th and B&B on Friday 12th: single occupancy £135 per person, dual occupancy £95 per person.

See overleaf for full programme details. Detailed briefing and guidance notes will be issued to all delegates.

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