

# A BLACK COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

with

## The British Cartographic Society

12TH - 13TH 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

#### Jewels on the Cut Walk

- a 1½ mile gentle stroll along the Stourbridge Canal highlighting the many glassmaking facilities and other industrial manufactories 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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For further information on all BCS activities and to reserve your place on this event please visit:

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