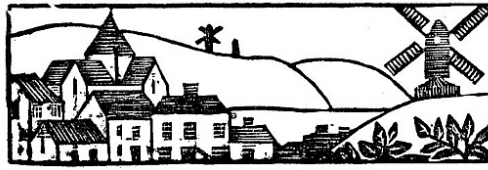


GROUP VISITS TO DITCHLING MUSEUM - 2010



Ditchling Village wood engraving by Eric Gill

Visit Ditchling – The Downland Village and home of Artists and Craftsmen

The picturesque village of Ditchling lies below the South Downs, six miles north of Brighton and seven miles west of the County town of Lewes. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, its history can be traced back beyond the Romans to the Iron Age settlers. The village was essentially a farming community until the 20th century when it became a centre for artists and craftsmen. In the village centre are buildings of historic and architectural interest and fine views of the Downs. □□

Walk down the High Street and you pass the home of the stone carver Eric Gill whose arrival just over a century ago began the long tradition of art and craftsmanship in the village. In South Street is 'The Jointure', home of the artist Frank Brangwyn's and in Lewes Road 'Cleves' is where the calligrapher Edward Johnston and his family lived. At the crossroads, on the former site of the Ditchling Press, the silversmith Anton Pruden continues the tradition of his grandfather, Dunstan Pruden.

Visit the 14th century church and churchyard and the War Memorial across the Green where work by Gill and other 20th century craftsmen blends with the stonework of their forebears. Find out about Ditchling and its people in the days of sheep drovers and hay wagons, follow the Twitten to the Old Meeting House, where Dissenters gathered and built a chapel, hear about the oldest Flower Show in the country dating back to 1822.

The museum is in the former Victorian School and is at the centre of the village, close to the parish church, car park, shops and pubs. Much of the museum's collection includes artwork by the local craftsman whose homes and workshops are included on the walking tour. By visiting the village of Ditchling and its Museum you are able to see where the artists lived, and experience the context within which their artwork was inspired. For more information about our rich collection of art and craft please visit The Collections page on our website www.ditchling-museum.com.

The special visits we are able to offer for Groups includes a village walk and a tour of the museum which, with prior notice, we can tailor to your group's specialist interests and needs.

A Group should consist of 10 or more people. These special pre-planned visits are offered for group organisers and the visits can take place on a Monday or an evening when the museum is otherwise closed.

Option A: Guided Walk (weather dependent) £5.00 per head

A village walk explores the history of Ditchling, its artists and craftsmen, historic buildings and village life. The walk, led by members of the Ditchling History Group, takes approximately 1 hour and finishes at the museum. Shorter and longer walks can be arranged upon request dependant on group interest and needs.

Option B: Museum Tour £5.00 per head

A guided tour of the museum with an introductory talk by curatorial staff setting in context the work of the Ditchling craftsmen and their place in the Arts and Crafts movement and a tour of the current exhibition. This includes the cost of normal museum entry.

Option A & B: Walk and Museum £6.00 per head

We can offer both the walk and the museum for just £6.00.

Tea / Coffee and Cake Option: £3.00 per head

Start or finish your visit with a cup of tea or coffee with a selection of home-made cakes in our Café.

Museum Shop and Gardens: browse in the shop for a range of unique cards, books and gifts and take time out in our 'Schoolmaster's' lovely cottage garden.

Parking: Please note the museum has a small car park with restricted access which is available for those who require easy access to the museum. Access to the museum carpark is via Church Lane from the High Street. For larger numbers of cars the Village Hall car park is available on Lewes Road, Ditchling. For Coach and Bus parking options please contact us for further details and directions. Please note that a Google Earth map of Ditchling is available when 'Ditchling Museum' is entered into Google.

Cancellations: Please advise us of any cancellations or changes to your group visit 48 hours in advance, as any made with less than 24 hours notice, or on the day will require to be charged at 50%.

If you have any further queries please call Artemis Stefanou at Ditchling Museum on 01273 844 744 or email info@ditchling-museum.com



Please complete the attached form 'Group Visits to Ditchling – Form'

Please keep a copy of your completed 'Group Visits to Ditchling - Form' for your records and retain this leaflet for your information.

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Artemis Stefanou, Ditchling Museum, Church Lane, Ditchling, Sussex, BN6 8TB

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Option A: A Guided Walk (weather dependant) – £5.00 per head

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If you would like to discuss a visit or receive more details please telephone Artemis Stefanou at Ditchling Museum on 01273 844744 or email info@ditchling-museum.com

Option please circle option: A B A & B

Name of Group.....

Date of visit

Visit arrival time Visit departure time.....

Please Note: for Option A 'Guided Walks' only, meet at the Village Hall Car park a few yards east of the crossroads.

We would / would not like tea & coffee with home-made cake before / after at £3.00 per head

Total No. in group

Total cost per head:.....

Contact Name.....

Address.....

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Email..... Phone.....

Total cost of visit (including tea / coffee and cake if applicable).....

Please make cheques payable to: **Ditchling Museum Trust**