

## Group Visits to Ditchling Museum during our Re-development 2011 to 2012



Ditchling Village wood engraving by Eric Gill

### **Even though Ditchling Museum is closed for re-development, you can still visit the village and have a guided walk of this 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> century church and churchyard and the War Memorial across the Green where work by Gill and other 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

By visiting the village of Ditchling 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](http://www.ditchling-museum.com).

We are able to offer for Groups is a village walk 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 any day.

## Group Visits to Ditchling – Form

Please complete and return this form to:



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

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

#### 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 can be customised to your groups interests. Shorter and longer walks can be arranged upon request dependant on group interest and needs.

**Parking:** Please note that due to the redevelopment, access to the museum's small car park is restricted. For 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](mailto:info@ditchling-museum.com)

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**We would like to have a Guided Walk (weather dependent) at £5.00 per head:**

**Specialist Interest (please circle):** NO YES, it is.....

Name of Group.....

Date of visit .....

Visit arrival time ..... Visit departure time.....

**Please Note:** for Guided Walks please meet at the Village Hall Car park a few yards east of the crossroads.

Total No. in group ..... Total cost of visit .....

Contact Name.....

Address.....

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

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