



PROBUS CLUB OF CARDIFF LLANISHEN



VISIT TO LYDIARD HOUSE MUSEUM, STEAM MUSEUM OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY AND THE SWINDON DESIGNER OUTLET

WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2022



This is a full day's outing leaving Cardiff at 9 am travelling by JR Executive Coach direct to Swindon, arriving at Lydiard Park at approximately 10.30 am when there will be time for coffee at the Courtyard Cafe. Under expert guidance, we will explore the Lydiard House Museum. Home to the St John family for over 500 years, the house dates back to the medieval period, being redeveloped into a grand Palladian home in 1740's. Our tour will allow us to discover the enchanting history of this striking Grade I listed building including the elegant State Rooms, where ornate and decorative details, plasterwork and original family furnishings are on display alongside portraits and photographs of the St John family, who lived here from Elizabethan times.

We will leave Lydiard Park at 12.15 pm for the short drive to STEAM Museum where the first order of business will be lunch. Members will be free to make their own arrangements to eat at one of the many restaurants, which include Wagamama and Caluccio's, in the McArthur Glen Designer Outlet, one of Europe's largest covered outlet malls, which shares the site with the STEAM Museum. It boasts more than 90 stores with internationally known names including Guess, Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, Next and M&S where items often retail for up to 60% off high street prices. A perfect location and perfect timing for finishing (or even beginning!) your Christmas shopping.

Our Probud Group will have a one hour guided Highlights Tour of STEAM. The Swindon Works of the Great Western Railway functioned for more than 140 years building and repairing railway stock. It closed in 1986 but some of the historic listed buildings reopened in 2000 as a museum remembering the history of the GWR. STEAM today offers an unique insight into the design, construction and operation of "God's Wonderful Railway" with over 400,000 objects, from locomotives and rolling stock to artwork and sculpture in the collection. After our tour there will be free time to explore STEAM at will or return to the shopping mall. We will leave for the return to Cardiff at approximately 5 pm.

The cost of this outing, inclusive of entry to and conducted tours of both museums, is £40 per person.

Partners and friends are most welcome and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

So, if you wish to come along please respond as soon as possible to jkeith.moger@gmail.com
Bookings will be confirmed and further details supplied.