

Tissington Well Dressings and Tissington Hall

Tuesday, 26th May 2020

By coach departing at 9 am

Organised by Pauline Springett

Supporter required

The origins of Well Dressing are lost in antiquity. It is thought they may have their roots in pagan customs. One theory says that the custom began just after the Black Death of 1348-9. Although the population round about was ravaged by plague, in Tissington all escaped and the immunity was ascribed to the purity of the water supply. It became the custom to decorate the wells in thanksgiving. There are 6 wells scattered around the village. In addition to the Wells, in the centre of the village stands Tissington Hall. The Tissington Estate has been home to the Fitzherbert family since the reign of Elizabeth I. Tissington Hall is a house of many extensions, originally built in the early 17th century, a top floor was added around 1700 and then the well-known Derby architect, Joseph Pickford, remodelled the west aspect around 1780 by adding a projecting central bay and open arcading on the ground floor. Further extensions took place in 1902.

Our day starts by leaving St Mark's car park at 9 am. We will have morning coffee/tea (included) at the Coach & Horses in Fenny Bentley, before proceeding to the village of Tissington to commence our tour of the Hall at 11.30.



Tissington Hall

After the tour of the Hall we return to the Coach & Horses for lunch. (included)

After lunch we will return to the village so that members can view the various wells. Afternoon tea is available at the Old Coach house tea rooms but the cost is not included.

Our coach will leave Tissington at 4.45 arriving in Rugby at approx. 6.15 pm.

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Menu

Main

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding

Or

Chicken Supreme with a mushroom &
Stilton sauce

Or

Mixed vegetables in a cheese sauce
with a herb crumble topping

Dessert

Homemade chocolate & orange sponge
with custard

Or

Toffee honeycombe cheesecake with
ice cream

Or

Lemon meringue roulade with fresh
raspberries

Members booked on the outing will receive a form for making menu choices when the coloured booking form is returned to you.