



THE ARTS SOCIETY STAFFORD

VISIT TO J HUDSON & CO (ACME WHISTLES) LTD,
BIRMINGHAM B19 3AH
FOLLOWED BY SELF GUIDED TOUR OF ASTON
HALL, BIRMINGHAM B6 6JD

THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2023

Website: www.acmewhistles.co.uk

Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston-hall



J Hudson & Co Whistles



Aston Hall

Morning visit: ACME Whistles (J Hudson & Co Ltd) Birmingham, has been an original working factory since 1870. Manufacturers of whistles, including the famous ACME Thunderer, the Police Call and 83 other well known whistles. Tour is conducted by Simon Topman the MD, and takes about 45 minutes for 15 people, and vice versa. Tour includes anecdotes, history, and displays. Please bring any unusual or old ACME whistles along! **NB 3 flights of stairs; no lift!**

Afternoon visit: Aston Hall Museum - Aston Hall is a Grade I listed Jacobean house in Aston, Birmingham, designed by John Thorpe and built between 1618 and 1635. It is a leading example of the Jacobean prodigy house.

Explore it's interiors and see inside the home that received royalty, was besieged during the English Civil War and inspired an author. Please look at Aston Hall website for more information.

COST: £55 per person which includes coach travel; tea/coffee and biscuits/cake at ACME Whistles, Entrance to Aston Hall and Lunch consisting of a selection of sandwiches, and refreshments.

GETTING THERE: Leons Coach – departing from Leons, Tollgate Park, Paton Dr, Tollgate Ind Estate, Stafford ST16 3EF.

CAR PARKING AND DEPART: Park at Leons Coach Yard – see address above – please advise Lucy Heath of numbers in cars, as maximum number of 15 cars only to be parked at Leons. **DEPARTURE: 9.00am**

ARRIVAL: 10.15am/10.30am at ACME Whistles; tea/coffee and biscuits/cake, followed by guided tour for 15 people and vice versa. ACME is involved in a project creating and engraving leaves for a memorial tree for Mayfield Special school in Birmingham; tour costs are donated to this project. Depart 12.45/1pm and travel a short distance to:

AFTERNOON VISIT: Aston Hall Museum – Lunch on arrival, followed by self guided tour of Aston Hall.

DEPARTURE: 3.45/4pm – return to Leons Coach Yard.

CONFIRMATION: No acknowledgement will be sent – clearance of your cheque is confirmation of booking. There will be no refunds on cancellations, unless there is a waiting list.

Please return the slip below by 27 March 2023 to:

Lucy Heath, Ellenhall Grange Farm, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6JQ. Email info@dheathandson.co.uk
Telephone 01785 850320 / 07919 418311 (Lucy Heath) / 07770 996502 (John Heath)



I/We wish to attend the visit to ACME Whistles (J HUDSON & CO) and ASTON HALL on **Thursday 27 April 2023**

Names and requirements of those attending:

Name: Can you offer a lift to Leons Coach Yard please?	Special Dietary Requirements

I/We enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to The Arts Society, Stafford
OR online Sort Code 40-52-40 Account No 00060352 Reference BIRM, and your Unique reference please

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Third Party emergency contact name and telephone number: _____