**TAST SPRING OUTING 2024**

Responding to members’ requests for outing destinations, we have organised the Spring Outing to The Hepworth Wakefield Gallery, Wakefield and Wentworth Woodhouse, Wentworth, Rotherham.

Dates: 29th May to 30th May 2024

**Day 1. The Hepworth Wakefield Gallery, Wakefield** (https://Hepworthwakefield.org)

Built in 2011 to house more than 5,000 sculptures, paintings, prints and drawings for Wakefield’s Permanent Art Collection. At the heart of this nationally important collection is a unique group of works by Barbara Hepworth, who was born and grew up in Wakefield. Also included in the collection are Hepworth contemporaries including Henry Moore, Jacob Epstein, Ben Nicholson, John Piper and Graham Sutherland. Works by other leading artists include Bill Brandt, Lee Miller, Paul Nash and Lucie Rie. At the heart of the collection is the Hepworth Family Gift, a group of the artist’s surviving working models for her later bronze commissions. A new still lives exhibition opens in the spring. The Hepworth Wakefield Garden has distinctive planting and draws inspiration from its setting between 19th century red brick mills and the 21st century art gallery edged by the River Calder. There are outdoor sculptures by Sir Michael Craig-Martin and Barbara Hepworth.

The overnight stay will be at the 4\* Oulton Hall Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort – website [**theqhotelscollection.co.uk**](../../../../../oscar/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/TI36EDU7/theqhotelscollection.co.uk)

**Day 2. Wentworth Woodhouse, Wentworth, Rotherham** (https://wentworthwoodhouse.org.uk)

One of the finest and grandest Georgian houses in England. Standing in 87 acres of gardens and grounds with over 300 rooms, with architecture from the 1720s to 1890s. The current Wentworth Woodhouse was built by the 1st Marquess of Rockingham, circa 1725, in two main phases. The West front at 130 feet long was built in the English Baroque Style but this was not in vogue when the East Front ‘extension’ was built with a length of over 600 feet. The house is now owned by the Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust whose sole purpose is restoration and regeneration of the site for the benefit of South Yorkshire.

The outing will cost approximately £240 per person for two sharing a double or twin room. Final cost will depend on numbers. Solo occupancy costs will differ.

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