

Wednesday August 17th, 2022

**A day out to the Weald & Downland Museum in West Sussex home and setting
of The BBC's Repair Shop.**

Coach and Entry price with Gridshell talk by Curator - £39pp



The Weald & Downland Living Museum - a hidden gem in the Southeast, quintessentially British in a picture perfect setting. They are a museum for those who want to see, touch and even smell what life was really like for people living in years gone by. Whether you are 5 or 95 there is something for everyone!

The Museum is an open-air museum. Access around the site is on rural surfaces: mainly rolled or loose chippings, which are in keeping with the nature of the site and buildings. Some paths are cobbled and their surfaces may cause difficulty for visitors who use a wheelchair or have impaired mobility.

There will be a tour of the Downland Gridshell workshop and artefacts store, that houses just some of the 16,000 items that make up the artefacts collection

You can enjoy waterside dining at the Museum's café, with fantastic views across the mill pond. There is seating available inside and outside on the decking area. A range of sandwiches, hot food, snacks, and cakes alongside hot and cold drinks are available.

The Museum has a rich variety of working buildings, that represent the crafts and trades of inhabitants of this region. Whether the milling of grain for flour in the watermill, the production of bricks at the brick drying shed or bread from the bakehouse, it is the activity of each space that was vital for the local community and beyond.



****THE REPAIR SHOP**

The BBC's The Repair Shop is filmed at the Museum. However, please note that it is a closed film set and is not accessible to the public. The set including the outside of the barn is visible from a short distance but there is no public access beyond that point.

Please book your place by e-mailing: trips@kingshillu3a.org.uk and wait for confirmation of your reservation before paying the treasurer.

As usual, payment is preferred by bank transfer to our account at:

Account: KHAD U3A Number: 00025484. Sort: 40-52-40 Payment reference: Downland

If you wish to pay by cheque, please make it payable to: "Kings Hill & District U3A" and send to:

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