

**NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE
ASSOCIATION**

**Winter Outing: Visit to the Discovery Museum
Blandford Square
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tyne and Wear, NE1 4JA**

Saturday, 8 February 2020, 10.00-14.00



The Discovery Museum started life in 1934 as the Municipal Museum of Science and Industry. The collections were housed in a temporary pavilion built for the 1929 North East Coast Exhibition in Exhibition Park, Newcastle. The collections and displays grew for another forty years, until the temporary pavilion could no longer meet the museum's needs. In 1978, the museum was re-located to Blandford House, the former Co-operative Wholesale Society Headquarters for the Northern Region. Designed by Oliver, Leeson & Wood in 1899, the building had been the distribution centre for over 100 Co-op stores across the region, and contained extensive warehouse space and offices. The museum was re-launched as Discovery Museum in 1993 at which time Charles Parson's revolutionary *Turbinia*, the world's first steam turbine-powered boat, was moved from Exhibition Park. In 2004 the £13 million redevelopment of the museum was complete and the following year the venue attracted 450,000 visitors. The museum highlights various aspects of life on Tyneside, including a splendid panorama of the River Tyne and the industries that flourished on its banks. It also has a variety of hands-on exhibitions with the emphasis on scientific developments and transport.

We shall meet at 10.00 am at the Museum, which will be opening up early especially for us. After morning tea/coffee and biscuits at the Museum's cafeteria, we shall split into alternating groups for specialist tours, one to see the building and the other to visit the Museum's extensive costume store. There will also be time for everyone to explore the Museum on their own. We have also arranged a soup and sandwich lunch in a private room, the Carpathia room, at 12.45.

The cost for the museum visit will be £15 per person, to include admission, the guided tour, and the soup and sandwich lunch (excluding drinks). Booking forms should be sent to NCA Secretary, Dr Andrena Telford (details on the form below) by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th. Payment may be made by cheque (made out to Northumbrian Cambridge Association) and mailed with your booking form or by BACS to NCA HSBC account (sort code 40-34-18, account number 60618446; please mark your payment DISCOVERY/YOUR SURNAME).

Morning tea/coffee and drinks at lunchtime will be at your individual expense. Parking is available outside the museum on Blandford Square, or a short distance away at the Times Square Car Park on Railway Street, NE4 7AD. There is a lift in the museum and a shop with an excellent choice of books of local interest.

BOOKING FORM

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Name(s):.....

Guest(s) (if applicable):.....

Telephone:..... Email :.....

No. of people for lunch:..... Special dietary requirements:.....

I enclose a cheque for £.....

OR

I have made a payment of £..... to the NCA HSBC account

Please return this form to:

Dr Andrena Telford, Ladywell Cottage, 24 West Road, Ponteland, Northumberland NE20 9SX

Or email it to: aeandwr.telford@btinternet.com

If an acknowledgment is required by post, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.