



THE FRIENDS OF YORK ART GALLERY

LITTLE MORETON HALL and BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS

Thursday 9 July 2009

Depart: Fulford Depot 8.45 am; Memorial Gardens 9.00 am. Return 7.00 pm approx

Little Moreton Hall is a moated 15th-century half-timbered manor and one of the finest examples of timber-framed domestic architecture in England. The earliest parts of the house were built for the prosperous Cheshire landowner Sir Richard de Moreton around 1450, the remainder added by three successive generations of the family until c. 1580. It remained in the Moreton family for almost five centuries until it came into the ownership of the National Trust in 1937. There is a restaurant at the house (no reservations) and a picnic area for those who prefer to bring their own lunch. In the early afternoon, we will make the short transfer to **Biddulph Grange Gardens** which are also owned by the National Trust. This is a rare and exciting survival of a High Victorian garden, divided into a series of themed sub-gardens, with a Chinese temple, Egyptian court, formal Italian garden, etc. Please note that the garden has some difficult, uneven levels. There is a tea-room. We plan to leave here about 4.30 pm.

The cost of the excursion is £19 for Friends and £22 for friends of Friends which covers travel and a tip for the driver. Please remember your NT Membership card. *If you are not a member of the National Trust, you will need to purchase a joint entry ticket for the two properties (£11).* Please complete the slip below and return, together with your cheque made payable to the Friends of York Art Gallery and a stamped/addressed envelope for tickets, to: Jeremy Taylor, 9 Pulleyn Drive, York YO2 4AR (tel 633180; mobile on day 07704 446831). Closing date for applications is **Thursday 18 June**.

REPLY SLIP: Little Moreton Hall

Please reserve places at £..... (Friends) and places at £..... (guest). I enclose my cheque for I/we will join the coach at the Depot/Memorial Gardens (*please delete as appropriate*). Name: Tel no:

Postcode: e-mail (if available):