

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2020
MERCURE GLOUCESTER, BOWDEN HALL HOTEL
BONDEND LANE, UPTON ST LEONARDS, GLOUCESTER GL4 8ED

As we all know, since the introduction of lock down on 23 March, life has been quite trying for us individually, for our Centre, the National Trust and the country as a whole.

The gradual relaxation of restrictions has been very welcome and providing further relaxing of restrictions are announced **FOR BOTH** Bowden Hall Hotel and Rover European Coach Company, we will hopefully be able to go ahead with our customary Christmas Lunch on 25th November.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CHEQUES RECEIVED ON BOOKING WILL NOT BE PRESENTED UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED BY BOWDEN HALL HOTEL THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CENTRE SAFELY AND WITHIN GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES.

The menu choices are as follows:-

Starters

Tomato & basil soup with black olives, breads (v)
Prawn & cucumber cocktail, Marie Rose sauce, brown bread
Duck & orange parfait, plum & apple chutney, toasted sour dough

Main Courses

Roast turkey, sausage wrapped in bacon, sage, onion & cranberry stuffing, pan roast gravy
Spinach, field mushroom & garlic Wellington, balsamic & thyme gravy (VG)
Baked salmon fillet, leek & potato cake, tarragon cream sauce
Honey roast loin of pork, sea salt crackling, sage & onion stuffing, apple sauce

All served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding & spiced rum sauce (VG)
White & dark chocolate roulade, espresso cream
Cheese & biscuits

*******(v) vegetarian, (V) vegan, (G) gluten free*******

Coffee/Tea and mince pies.

The time for the lunch will be **12 noon for 12.30pm** and will cost £27.50 per person to include the lunch, coach and gratuities. We will be using Rover European Coaches which will leave Nailsworth Bus Station at 10am, calling at Merrywalks, Stroud 10.15am, Lower Westgate Street, Gloucester 10.45am, Westal Green, **inward at the Bus Stop by the Lansdown Hotel**, Cheltenham 11.10am, Royal Well, Cheltenham 11.15am.

Although there are steps at the Hotel, there are ramps and slopes available for those who have difficulty with steps. Ladies, Gents and Disabled toilets are all on the level.

As usual we would expect to leave around 3.30pm.

I would also mention that if any members choose to make their own way to the venue there will be no reduction in the cost.

Gill's contact details and the booking form will be in the Centre's August newsletter.