Wednesday July 8th 2020 (and an option for Thursday July 9th in Historic Lichfield)

Proposed on behalf of the Livery Committee by Dr John Harcup and Dr Joy Main.

The Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2018, the National Memorial Arboretum near Alrewas in Staffordshire is ‘a 150-acre site with over 380 thought-provoking memorials – a living, growing tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our country. Rich in design and symbolism, and sympathetic to the lush gardens they inhabit, the memorials and their stories are fascinating and moving.’

After a welcome tea / coffee, our day will begin with a short Act of Remembrance in the Chapel, followed by a talk. A tour of the site in our own dedicated buggies for 5 or 7 guests, each with an experienced guide, will enable us to explore the Arboretum at our own pace, taking in the central Armed Forces memorial, the ‘Shot at Dawn’ memorial, medical and nursing memorials and individual requests. A two-course lunch and cream tea are included, with tours in the morning and afternoon.

For guests planning to stay on overnight in Lichfield, a second day visiting the Cathedral and the Museum homes of Erasmus Darwin and Dr Samuel Johnson, can be arranged, with a formal programme numbers permitting.

Possible day 2 itinerary (formal programme is numbers-permitting, but all three visits are welcoming as self-guided options):

9.30-10.30am – self-guided tour of Lichfield Cathedral. The Lichfield Gospel (8th century) and Lichfield Angel (around 800 AD) – are displayed in the Chapter House, and the Herkenrode Glass panels in the Lady Chapel are ‘some of the finest medieval unrestored stained glass in existence’. The exhibits have excellent touch-screens with information.

11.0-11.30am – welcome tea / coffee at Erasmus Darwin House Museum in the Cathedral Close, followed by a one-hour tour of Darwin’s House, detailing his story and inventions, and the meetings of the Lunar Society.

1pm – Buffet lunch at Erasmus Darwin’s House.

2.15pm – short walk to Dr Samuel Johnson’s House for guided tour. Disabled access very limited – please see website.

Arboretum day visit cost £70 per person including arrival tea/coffee, lunch and afternoon cream tea.
Lichfield day cost £65 per person, including arrival tea/coffee and lunch.

Please email Dr Joy Main – themains@doctors.org.uk – for detailed flier including itinerary, ‘getting there’ and overnight options if interested. Access is easy from London by train.
Society of Apothecaries Livery Committee – booking form
National Memorial Arboretum Alrewas Wednesday July 8th 2020
Optional second day in Historic Lichfield Thursday July 9th

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Please reserve ...... places for me for Day 1 National Memorial Arboretum
Please reserve ...... places for me for Day 1 and Day 2 (Historic Lichfield)

I enclose a cheque for £ .... (at £70 per person) for day 1
I enclose a cheque for £ .... (at £135 per person) for days 1 and 2, payable to
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Should you wish to pay by BACS (bank transfer), please use the account details
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