

Dear Member,

Just a quick reminder that there is to be a soda firing at Murray's place, Northfield Studio, HP23 5QW, over the weekend of 14/15 June. All members are welcome to come and bring a pot or two to fire, and to find out more about soda firing.

Come at 10am on Sat to decorate your work with the soda slips and glazes. To put your work in the kiln it must be delivered by noon at the latest.

If you want to stay on, bring a picnic.

Please bare in mind that it costs about £10 per shelf to fire this kiln, so you will be charged accordingly.

The timetable for the day is -

10am-noon decorating pots and preparing the kiln

noon onwards - packing the kiln

4pm build the door and set up the gas

6pm preliminary firing

Sunday is firing day. Starts at 5,30am. There is little to do until we start to put in the soda. This will be sometime in the afternoon. Before that, the firing team will enjoy a picnic lunch together - you are welcome to join in - especially if you bring food to share!

Hope we can finish the firing before 6pm, but it depends a lot on the weather conditions.

Directions - From the A41 - find your way to Tring Station - it is about 3 miles outside the town, and well signed. Drive past the station and take the first road on the left. This is Northfields Road. Murray's place is 3/4mile on the right, just after a lay-by. Park in the lay-by, and walk on to the white gate in the trees and up the drive.

Please replace the chain on the gate after you have passed through.

From the Dunstable - Northfields Road is a left turn off the road to Tring, at the roundabout near Pitstone. Northfield Studio is after the old chalk pits on the left. You may notice the footpath sign along the boundary.

If you are bringing pots, they must be biscuit fired and made of stoneware clay. Soda firings are tough on pots. so they need to be robust, eg slab pots would be liable to split. Porcelain can be used, but generally it is recommended that well grogged clay is used.

The time and date of the unpacking has yet to be decided.

Hope to see you there.

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