

Red Hat weekend. Willersley Castle Hotel, Matlock, Derbyshire

Friday 17-Sun 19 April 2015

This year we have gone up market! No more bunk beds and communal living. And no fancy dress! (Trying to please everybody, mentioning no names, Lady JWW!) This time I have booked rooms in Willersley Castle hotel in Derbyshire. Eight of them are ensuite, four have a bathroom down the corridor. All the food will be catered for in the hotel, so no food prep or washing up either! I've stayed there and it's a friendly, pleasant hotel.



Don't be under any illusions, it's not posh, it's been around for a while and is a little frayed round the edges but it's grand, with sweeping staircases and tall ceilings and is definitely a step up from a youth hostel and I'm hoping it will encourage those of you who couldn't face a youth hostel, to come along and join in the fun.

Willersley Castle is a magnificent 18th Century Grade 11 listed castle is set in 60 acres of grounds ranging from meadow to limestone crags. The grand building overlooks the picturesque River Derwent and stands on the edge of the stunning peak District National Park. It is also at the heart of the Derwent Valley Mills world heritage site. There's lots to enjoy in the stately surrounding of the hotel, such as a 15m indoor swimming pool, boules court and impressive grounds. The area offers everything from the industrial heritage of mills, canals and railways to fine stately houses and some of England's most beautiful walking areas. (I pinched that from the brochure. To read more go to ww.christianguild.co.uk/willersley)

The cost per person, for the whole weekend, is as follows.

Twin occupancy, en suite £140.00

Twin occupancy, non en suite, £120.00

Single occupancy , add £40.00 to above prices.

The price includes two night's accommodation, all food, and a fun filled program of optional activities yet to be planned. Transport is not included but will be £20 return to travel in the mini bus. I have 14 spaces - first come first served, otherwise it's a drive there in shared cars.

The only extras will be drinks at the bar and taxis if you want to go somewhere that the minibus is not going, which will be wherever most people want to go!

Red Hat funds will subsidise this trip a little so make the most of it!

Book your place with Queen Tess on angelltessa@gmail.com or 07825 138241

Please send either a cheque payable to Rutland Red Hatters to Tessa Angell, 4 Main At Belton in Rutland LE15 9LB. or direct transfer sort code 206366 a/c 03278034 WITH ACCOMPANYING email please to let me know it's there.

