

Friends of the Spode Museum

An Inaugural Meeting will take place in the Conference Room at Spode on Sunday 3rd December 2006 at 10.45 a.m. This has been deemed necessary, as the Spode Society does not have a mandate for fund raising for other bodies.

The following officers were proposed at a steering committee meeting, held on Monday 30th October:

President	Robert Copeland
Chairman	Thelma Seear
Vice-Chairman	Bill Coles
Secretary	Marguerite Coles
Treasurer	Peter Rodwell
Membership Sec.	Janis Rodwell

The proposed constitution allows at least 3 other committee members; one such proposal is for John Democratis and others may be proposed on the day. Do you know anyone with PR or fund raising skills?

Our immediate aim is to raise £50,000 to cover the running costs of the Museum for 2007. Up to now, these costs have been met by the Spode factory, which can no longer afford to do so. Incidental expenses incurred in setting up this group are included in this figure.

Precise details of our medium and long-term aims cannot be decided until we know the outcome of the development company's planning applications to Stoke Council. Suffice it to say we deem it to be of the utmost importance to keep the Museum somewhere on the existing site.

If you can attend the meeting, please fill in the Spode Society booking form on the accompanying letter and return it, with your cheque, to the Events Secretary. If not and you can support our aims, please join the Friends. UK membership costs £20 per annum and overseas members £30.

If you could add a little more, or better still a lot more, as a donation, this will go a long way towards our target. Until we gather some funds, we shall have very little to offer in return, other than progress reports, grateful thanks, as well as a lot of personal satisfaction.

We hope to have a website in place very soon, which will be linked to the Spode one. Obviously, this cannot take place until the Friends are officially established; a press release is also in preparation.

This is a most important project for all ceramics collectors with an interest in Spode products.

PLEASE HELP!!!!

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I apply to become a UK (£20)/ Overseas (£30) Member and enclose a cheque for £..... which includes a donation of £..... Please make the cheque payable to Friends of the Spode Museum.

NAME.....ADDRESS.....

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email:..... Telephone.....

This form can either be brought to the meeting on 3rd December, or posted to the Membership Secretary, Mrs. J. Rodwell, Stoneleigh House, 102 Kineton Green Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 7EE.