

Warwickshire Local History Society Outings 2017

Saturday 13th May 2017, 2pm - A tour of the ancient riverside Bidford on Avon

Professor Chris Dyer will follow-up his recent WLHS article by leading a tour round Anglo-Saxon and medieval Bidford to explore this important place and explain how it was intended to be a town, but did not quite make the grade. Dr. Nat Alcock will tell us about buildings such as the Old Falcon and members of Bidford LHS will add more details and serve tea in the village hall. Meet at 2 pm in the meadow on the south east side of the bridge (*take care crossing the bridge*). Free parking is available in Saxonfields car park on B4085 (south and first left from Stratford Road roundabout, B50 4JA or pay at Big Meadow car park, south west of bridge, toilets are in the High Street east of the bridge. Pre-tour lunch and parking are available from 12pm at The Frog Inn, 65 High Street, B50 4BG (01789 772369).

Saturday 17th June 2017, 2pm - A visit to Kings Norton in Birmingham

We will enjoy a guided tour of St. Nicholas Place, The Saracen's Head and the Old Grammar School which came into the national spotlight in 2004 when they won the BBC Restoration Programme plus a presentation by Dr. Denise Thomas on Thomas Hall, probably the best known of the Kings Norton schoolmasters, who had strong connections with 17th century Birmingham (where he was a lecturer at St. Martins and knew many of its puritan ministers) ending with tea, which will be one of 'Molly's Afternoon Tour specials'. Parking is available in the Pay & Display car park next to St. Nicholas Place/Bulls Head pub (B38 8RU). To start the tour, assemble promptly at 2 pm in the reception/gift shop area at the front as you enter the building. The Bulls Head (0121 486 2810), serve lunch from 11 a.m.

Saturday 15th July 2017, 2pm - A visit to Nuneaton and guided tours of King Edward VI School and St. Nicolas Parish Church

The story of the school continues with a look at the 17th century Old Grammar School hard by the Church, followed by the 'new' school building of 1880, then on to St. Nicolas Church for a guided tour, finishing with tea. Memorable stories include a drunken and sadistic schoolmaster who faced a revolt of the townspeople against him; an ancient and decrepit curate becomes immortalised in fiction by Warwickshire's greatest ever novelist and seven centuries of architecture including a magnificent early Tudor ceiling and Arts and Crafts decoration. Park in College Car Park, King Edward Road, CV11 4BE and meet at 2 pm inside the College, before walking through the churchyard to see the 16th century origins of the school in the Leeke Chapel of the Parish Church. The Chase Hotel, Higham Lane, CV11 6AG, 02476 341013 serve lunch from 12pm. They have a car park, and are only a few minutes' drive to the College car park.

Saturday September 16th 2017, 2pm a dual-village visit to Wixford and Salford Priors.

Be seated at 2 pm at St. Milburga's, Wixford for an introduction to its De Cruwe brass, famous yew-tree and intriguing graffiti. **Restricted parking, please car share.** Use single-track lane, north side of sharp bend on B4088 (signed "Wixford Church") on left at crossroads where 3 spaces reserved for those with walking difficulties (stipulate on booking form). Some spaces at Oversley Farm House (B496DD) 3rd right at top of the lane, park in drive or lane, or have lunch at Fish Inn at Wixford (B49 6DA) - 01789 778593 from 12pm and walk via white gate in large car park, past mobile homes, up the footpath bearing right for church (10-15 mins). Drive to St. Matthews, Salford Priors for 3p.m. (map provided) where Dr. Stephen Roberts will guide us round this beautiful part-Norman church with 1630s additions, and unusual mid-C17th Clark family monuments expressing gentry ideas of kinship and honour. The Priors of Kenilworth were manorial lords and the church marks the Avon ford. Parking at church or on side roads (no parking in road by the church), toilets in the church. Tea in marquee, Hillers Farm Shop, Dunnington Heath Farm, B49 5DP at 4p.m. but tea numbers are limited, so do apply early.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED. Should you want an acknowledgement, please send a SAE. Cheques should be made payable to 'Warwickshire Local History Society' and sent to Neville Usher, 6 The Fold, Payton Street, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6NJ Tel. 01789 205 043 Email info@warwickshirehistory.org.uk

Saturday 16th September 2017, Wixford & Salford

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Saturday 15th July 2017, a visit to Nuneaton

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Saturday 17th June 2017, a visit to Kings Norton

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Saturday 13th May 2017, a visit to Bidford on Avon

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