

Warwickshire Local History Society Outings 2019

Saturday 11th May, 2019. George Eliot Outing, Chilvers Coton

Meet at 1.45pm at Griff House Beefeater, Nuneaton, CV10 7PJ. Hear a short history of Griff House, Eliot's childhood home, and find out about the plans for its redevelopment with John Burton and David Paterson. Drive to nearby All Saints Church, Chilvers Coton, CV11 4LU, where we hear about the unique history of the church and its links to Eliot's family, including a chance to visit the graveyard and some of the Evans family graves, with Russell Hogben. Lastly we visit Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre, once a school built by the Newdigate family in the 18th century, which now houses and preserves the memories of local communities, including several links to George Eliot. After a short introduction by John Burton, Chairman of the Heritage Centre, explore the Centre for yourselves, including the Victorian parlour and Museum of Memories, which includes some community curated exhibitions. Afternoon tea served at the Centre at 4.30 pm. Lunch suggestion: Griff House; 024 7634 3584.

Saturday 15th June, 2019. Shakespeare's Schoolroom, Church Street, Stratford, CV37 6HB.

Meet at 2pm. Find out about Shakespeare's schooldays and the history and role of the Guildhall (one of a few remaining examples of a medieval Guildhall in the country). Guides in every room and short films and images help you enjoy your visit, which finishes with a Tudor lesson in Shakespeare's Schoolroom. Disabled access. Tea at 4pm at the Stratford Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford, CV37 6BG, Lunch suggestion: Vintners (CV37 6EF; 01789 297259).

Saturday 6th July, 2019. St Lawrence's Church, Ansley, and St John the Baptist, Berkswell with Dr John Hunt.

Meet at 10.30am at St Lawrence's Church, Ansley, CV10 0QR in the car park adjacent to the church. Dr John Hunt will show us how this church incorporates fabric of the twelfth century and later, including an enigmatic sculpture. Then take a 20 min car journey to St John the Baptist Church, Berkswell, CV7 7BJ, where a buffet lunch will be served. On-site parking for disabled use only but free public car park in the centre of the village and off-road parking on nearby Meriden Road. Dr Hunt will then help us explore St John's, one of the county's more celebrated churches, noted particularly for its elaborate double crypt, which will form part of the visit. The building also comprises Romanesque and later fabric. Tea will follow at 4.30pm. Dr Hunt will help us investigate the developmental sequence of the two churches and find out about their tenorial history and landscape setting, taking account of the medieval communities these churches served as well as the buildings themselves. John promises us the chance to get actively involved in an understanding of how these two churches evolved. Both churches are accessible for wheelchairs (apart from the Crypt at St John's).

Saturday 7th September, 2019. Coffin Works Museum & Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham. (Change from advertised visit)

Meet at 12.30pm for lunch at the Shakespeare Inn, Summer Row, B3 1JJ, included in ticket price. 2pm start at the nearby Coffin Works, 13-15 Fleet Street, B3 1JP. Be transported back to the Newman Brothers' factory's heyday in the 1960s and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of factory life during this decade with the museum's costumed guides. 15 min walk to the Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, 75-80 Vyse Street, B18 6HA, for 3.45pm. The Museum is built around a perfectly preserved jewellery workshop and offers a unique glimpse of working life in Birmingham's famous Jewellery Quarter. Explore this extraordinary time capsule on a guided tour. Watch live demonstrations at the jewellers' bench of the traditional skills of this fine trade, and discover what it was like to work here. The tour finishes at 5pm. Public transport is the best travel option although there is on street parking close to both venues and both venues are accessible.

To book a place, either return the reply slip by post to 'Rowan Fisher, 43 Gresham Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QP' or email rowanfisher367@gmail.com with the relevant information (as listed below). No tickets, but an email confirmation including any necessary additional information (including parking, directions, accessibility) will be sent and will be on the website. If you would prefer this information by post please send a SAE to Rowan Fisher as above. Payment by cheque made payable to 'Warwickshire Local History Society' or BACS payment: Acct. No.: 00010015 Sort code: 40-52-40, use YOUR SURNAME as reference please.

Saturday 7th September 2019, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

Reply by 24.08.2019

Name Tel Email Address
Members.....@ £23 each.....Guests.....@£26 each Total £
Please state any special needs (dietary, mobility, etc) here:
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Saturday 6th July 2019, St Lawrence's Church, Ansley and St John the Baptist, Berkswell

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Saturday 15th June 2019, Shakespeare's Schoolroom, Stratford

Reply by 25.05.2019

Please note there is an earlier reply date so we can take advantage of the 'early booking' price.

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Saturday 11th May 2019, George Eliot at Chilvers Coton

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