

# Warwickshire Local History Society Outings 2018

## *Please note revised dates*

**Saturday 5th May 2018, Bedworth.** Park at the front of the Old Meeting Parking only available from 1.30, Leicester Street, Bedworth, CV12 8AH and at 2 p.m. we begin our afternoon at Bedworth, when we will visit the Old Meeting Church founded in 1686, the current building dating from 1726 with some later amendments. Among places we will see will be the Bedworth Heritage Centre housed in the cellar of the Victorian Parsonage (three steps down). This old building regularly houses exhibitions on Bedworth's history and there will be one to view when we are there. Then there are the most striking almshouses of the Nicholas Chamberlain Trust, still a significant charity in the town. The current building dates from 1840, and we will receive a short guided tour and talk. Finally there is the parish church of All Saints rebuilt, apart from its tower in 1890 Nicholas After our tour, we will adjourn for tea at Old Meeting for tea at 4.30. Should anyone want lunch before the tour, they should visit the Griff House Beefeater in Coventry Road CV10 7PJ, telephone 02476 343584

**Saturday 16th June 2018, Fillongley.** Park at the Fillongley Social Club, Ousterne Lane, Fillongley, CV7 8EU and at 2 p.m. we meet opposite the Manor House pub, almost opposite the church for a guided tour guided by local resident, artist and local historian Susan Moore. We will see the village looking at some of the buildings and learning how social life in the village changed over time, to the Church, thence to see the Methodist Preacher's retirement homes, later passing Graeme Mitcheson's sculpture of The Family. We then take a circular tour to Fillongley Castle (this section is undulating and may be muddy – stout footwear is advised). The walk ends up at the Old Granary, Susan's house, where greeting cards of her paintings will be on sale. Thence to the Social club for about 4.30 p.m. for tea. Should anyone want lunch it will be available at The Cottage Inn, Blackhall Lane, CV7 8EG, PHONE 01676 540 599 – they begin serving lunch from 12 noon.

**Saturday 7th July 2018, Guy's Cliffe House and Guy's Cliffe walled garden, Warwick CV34 5YD.** We assemble at **11 a.m.** (*note earlier than usual*) for this dual site visit. Guy's Cliffe is associated with the legendary Guy of Warwick. The Greatheed family built the now ruined house in the 18th century. The Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in an adjacent building (used as a Masonic lodge since 1974) dates from the 14th century) [note stairs but no lift]. Outside there are caves, stables and a thirteenth century statue of Guy. Across the Coventry Road, behind Hinton's Nursery, the Guys Cliffe Walled Garden Trust since 2014 have been restoring the Georgian/Victorian garden, which provided fruit and vegetables to the big house. Public access is still fairly restricted to these historical sites, which have both been actively restored in recent years. Because of restrictions on the number viewing Guy's Cliffe at any time, the intention is that we should divide into two groups. At 12.30, both groups get together at Guys Cliff for lunch in the dining room, and then at 2 p.m. they "change ends" with those visiting the house going to the garden and vice versa. The price includes admission to the house, the garden and lunch. Apologies for the cost (which does include lunch), but this is the only way to deal with the two groups. Note lunch is included instead of tea. **Please note that we need to close booking earlier than usual, as precise arrangements with the organizers will vary depending on the number of people who book for this trip.**

**Saturday September 22nd 2018, a visit to the ancient parish of Yardley in Birmingham.** There, we go first to the substantial medieval church of St. Edburgha which dates back to 1165, where we assemble at **1.30 p.m.** (B33 8PB) for a brief tour, and at 3 p.m. tour Blakesley Hall B25 8RN, an Elizabethan farmhouse built in 1590 by Richard Smalbroke, followed by a cream tea in the restaurant at Blakesley. Should anyone want an early lunch beforehand, we recommend The Toby Carvery, Sheldon, at 2225, Coventry Road, Sheldon, BB26 3EH telephone 0121 742 from noon – and about 20 minutes' drive to Yardley Old Church.

**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 22nd September 2018, Yardley**

**Reply by 8th September 2018**

Name ..... Tel.....

Address .....

Email address .....

Members ..... @ £15 each..... Guests .....£18 each Total £.....

**Saturday 7th July 2018, Guy's Cliffe House and Walled Garden**

**Reply by 16th June 2018**

Name ..... Tel.....

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Members ..... @ £26 per person..... Guests.....@ £29 per person Total .....

**Saturday 16th June 2018, Fillongley**

**Reply by 2nd June, 2018**

Name ..... Tel.....

Address .....

E mail address .....

Members ..... @ £15 per person..... Guests.....@ £18 per person Total .....

**Saturday 5th May 2018, Bedworth**

**Reply by 21st April, 2018**

Name ..... Tel.....

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Members ..... @ £10 per person..... Guests.....@ £13 Total .....