



KEYNSHAM & SALTORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

DETAILS OF MEMBERS' VISITS AND WALKS 2016

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MALMESBURY – GUIDED WALK

2.00 pm SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

A walk around the old parts of Malmesbury with local historian Charles Vernon, to learn about the long history of this attractive hilltop town in Wiltshire. The remains of the abbey are a prominent feature and are the resting place of Athelstan, the first king of all England, who was buried there in 939.



MEET – At the Market Cross: Grid Ref ST 933872. Post code SN16 9AS

PARKING - Recommended parking is at the Long Stay car-park (pay & display) off Gloucester Road. To reach this, drive right through the town, turning left at the top of the High Street and then keeping right at every opportunity until you turn sharp right at the roundabout by the Fire Station on the Gloucester Road. It seems long way but you finish up not far from the abbey and the town centre. There is a steep climb up from the car-park.

DIRECTIONS - The quickest route is to take the M4 to junction 17 and follow the A429 northwards for about 5 miles to the first roundabout. Turn left for Malmesbury town centre.

TRANSPORT – If you would like a lift, mark this on the booking form.

MOBILITY - Note that the walk from the recommended car-park includes a climb up to the abbey, by steps or ramp. There is Short Stay parking (2 hour maximum) in the town centre.

DURATION – The walk lasts between 1 ½ and 2 hours.

PRICE – £3 per head.

BOOKING – Use Part 2 of the booking form and return this, with payment.

MAKE MORE OF THE DAY - The Town Hall building contains a museum and tourist information centre. The garden behind the Abbey is a quiet place if you want to enjoy a picnic.

CENTRAL BRISTOL - GUIDED WALK - SLAVERY

10.00 am TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016

Central Bristol has many connections with the Slave Trade and its abolition. This walk, led by Society treasurer, Keith Norton, takes us on a tour to discover the local historical figures and buildings that played a part in this.

MEET – Entrance to M-Shed Museum, Princes Wharf,
Wapping Road, Bristol, BS1 4RN

TRANSPORT – It is recommended that you travel by bus. From the Church, routes 38 and 349 go into Bristol via The Centre. Alight at Baldwin Street, just before The Centre.

Alternatively you can use the Brislington Park & Ride and alight at The Centre.

DIRECTIONS - To reach M-Shed from The Centre walk south along Broad Quay and then Prince Street past the Bristol Hotel and the Arnolfini. Walk straight across the swing-bridge and turn right to find M-shed just beyond the cranes. Total distance is less than half a mile.

PARKING – There is a Pay & Display car-park on Wapping Road behind M-Shed. This charges £4.30 for 4 hours.

DURATION – The walk lasts about 2 hours. The total distance is not great, but there are quite a number of sites to talk about.

PRICE – No charge, but booking is still necessary.

BOOKING – Use Part 2 of the booking form and return this with payment.



KINGSTON LACY, DORSET - COACH TRIP

8.30 am WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2016

Kingston Lacy House is a 17th century property near Wimborne, built by the flamboyant Bankes family in an Italianate style, and is home to their large collection of paintings and other treasures from across Europe and Egypt.



Shaftesbury is a pleasant Dorset town famous for the attractive Gold Hill by the centre.



OUR VISIT – Will be a full-day coach trip. The price includes coach travel and admission to Kingston Lacy House and grounds, inclusive of a guided tour of the house. You will have time to explore the gardens and grounds. On leaving, we will drive back via Shaftesbury where you can take afternoon tea, visit the excellent Gold Hill Museum of local history, or just explore the town.

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TIMES – Coach	Departs	Keynsham Parish Church	- 8.30 am
	Departs	Keynsham Talbot Inn	- 8.35 am
	Departs	Saltford	- 8.40 am
	Arrives	Kingston Lacy	- 10.30 am
	Departs	Kingston Lacy	- 2.30 pm
	Arrives	Shaftesbury	- 3.15 pm
	Departs	Shaftesbury	- 4.30 pm
	Arrives	Keynsham Talbot Inn	- 5.45 - 6.00 pm
	Arrives	Keynsham Parish Church	- 6.00 pm approx

TRAVEL - The coach will be a 36-seater, with toilet facilities.

FOOD & DRINK – Kingston Lacy has a restaurant serving hot and cold food.

PRICES (For members of the Society and their guests)

Coach and admission to Kingston Lacy House,

– single adult £30.00

– single adult (NT Member) £17.00

Please note the following:

1. Payment in full must be made at the time of booking. Cheques should be payable to “Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society”.
2. If the trip is cancelled due to lack of support this decision will be made before 8th May and all monies paid will be refunded.
3. If the trip is curtailed or abandoned due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a major road delay, no refund will be possible unless the Society can recoup any outlay.
4. It is the responsibility of every passenger to ensure that they are at the departure point for each journey by the required time, as the coach will leave promptly.

BOOKING – Use Part 2 of the booking form and return this with payment in full.

ON THE DAY

- If you are a member of the National Trust, bring your membership card.
- If joining at the Parish Church, be there at 8.20 am.

FURTHER INFORMATION – to find out more about the venues, visit the following web-sites, although the National Trust one is not easy to navigate :

Kingston Lacy House: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy

Shaftesbury: www.shaftesburytourism.co.uk

If you have any queries about our visit contact Richard Dyson, tel 0117 9864453 or email richard.dyson@tiscali.co.uk

MENDIP - VISITS - COLD WAR NUCLEAR ROC POST near West Harptree
WORLD WAR 2 STARFISH DECOY SITE at Black Down

11.00 am SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016

This is a morning and afternoon event for those with an interest in 20th century military and defence remains. There are two separate locations involved, as below, but **for booking and payment purposes this is a single event.**

First we visit one of the few survivors of the network of observation posts set up to monitor radiation in the event of nuclear attack.

After lunch - bring a picnic or eat at one of the Mendip pubs – we drive a few miles to Black Down to visit the Starfish Decoy site, built to lure German bombers away from Bristol in World War II. A recent research project has unearthed much information but apart from the control bunker, which we will visit, physical remains are limited.

VISIT 1 11.00 am COLD WAR NUCLEAR ROC POST

MEET – In the road opposite Harptree Hill Farm. Grid Ref ST 544560, postcode BS40 6EL.

TRANSPORT – If you would like a lift, mark this on the booking form.

DIRECTIONS - Take the A368 Weston-super-Mare road from Marksbury through Bishop Sutton. Drive through West Harptree village and then turn first left up Harptree Hill and first right after the Wellsway Inn. The farm is on your left after a short distance.

PARKING – Park on the road but do not restrict access for machinery to the farm; there is always space further along the lane.

ACCESS / WALKING - to reach the post you have to climb a stile and walk 200 yards across a field which is muddy in wet weather. Walking boots may be sensible.

To get into the observation post it is necessary to climb through a hatch and down a vertical ladder about 12 feet high. **You must be fit enough to do this.**

VISIT – Numbers are limited to about twenty, because the post is small. Our party will be split into two groups. Each group will be given a talk on the surface on the context and operation of the post and have a visit to the inside of the post. Our guides will be former ROC personnel at the site including Mike Parfitt who was the Chief Observer.

DURATION – Probably an hour to 1½ hours.

VISIT 2 2.00 pm WORLD WAR 2 STARFISH DECOY SITE

MEET – Outside Tynings Farm (also marked as Tynings Trekking Centre) on the road on the corner(not in farm yard). Grid Ref ST 470565, post code BS40 7XU

DIRECTIONS - It is about 5 miles from Harptree Hill to Tynings Farm via Charterhouse. It is probably best to use a map or satnav to find your best route.

PARKING – Park in the layby near the farm, not at the farm entrance.

VISIT – This will be a guided walk, including a visit to the control bunker and a tour round the site, explaining how it operated.

DURATION – Probably 1½ to 2 hours but shorter if the weather is wet.

WALKING – The event includes walking on rough paths, which may be muddy – walking boots are recommended.

BOOKING - Places are limited: book for the whole day using Part 2 of the booking form.

PRICE for whole day – £3.00 per head, towards upkeep of the ROC post.

THE SLIPPER BATHS, SOUTH BRISTOL POOL, BEDMINSTER – GUIDED TOUR

NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE BATHS BEING ABLE TO RUN IT

Time and date to be notified – expected 7.00 pm on a weekday in late July

This short visit is a rare opportunity to visit one of the last examples of private baths built as part of a Municipal Baths. They were closed and forgotten for 50 years. The baths are not normally open and the group responsible has to make special arrangements for a visit – so we cannot confirm this event, or a date, until late spring.

VENUE - South Bristol Swimming Pool, Dean Lane, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 1BS

MEET – At the main entrance to the Pool, which is on the north side of the building.

TRANSPORT – If you would like a lift, mark this on the booking form.

PARKING – This is not easy. On-street parking is available on roads off Dean Lane, when you can find a gap. The area to the east of the Pool is covered by a Residents' Parking Scheme but this does not operate after 5.00 pm.

DURATION – This will be quite a short visit, as the size of the rooms to be seen is small. Our party will be split into small groups so there may be some waiting. There will be an introductory talk by the representative of the Friends of the Pool. Total duration will probably be less than an hour.

If you want get the authentic South Bristol Pool experience you are free to have a swim of course before our event.

EQUIPMENT – If torches are required, you will be advised when the event is confirmed.

PRICE – £3.00 per head. This event is not yet confirmed so payment will be collected on the day.

BOOKING - Places are limited: if you are interested in attending, book using Part 2 of the booking form. No payment is required at this stage.

CONFIRMATION - When we have a date and time for this event you will be contacted to check whether you are able to attend.

CLAVERTON PUMPING STATION - GUIDED VISIT

2.30 pm SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2016

A visit to this unique piece of engineering, designed by John Rennie, which used water power to lift water from the Avon up to the Kennet and Avon Canal. We hope to see the wheel and machinery in action but it is not possible to guarantee this.



MEET – At entrance to the Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, near Bath, BA2 7BH.
Grid Ref ST 791643,

PARKING - Space is limited. Park on the left on Ferry Lane just after Canal Bridge and then walk down across the railway.

DIRECTIONS - Claverton Pumping Station is at the bottom of Ferry Lane, which is off the A36 Warminster Road, about 2 ½ miles south of Sydney Gardens in Bath.

Alternatively you can park at Dundas and walk along the towpath. This is about 1½ miles. Look for the sign about the pumping station and leave the canal at the bridge.

TRANSPORT – If you would like a lift, mark this on the booking form.

MOBILITY - Note that the tour is not suitable for people with mobility problems - it includes narrow passages and stairways.

DURATION – The visit will last between one and two hours, depending on the number of people. Visitors have to be split into small groups to be taken round safely.

PRICE – £5.00 per head.

BOOKING - Use Part 2 of the booking form and return this with payment.

MORE INFORMATION – If you want to read something about the history of the mill and the Claverton Group that supports it, visit: <http://www.claverton.org/>

BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM - COACH TRIP

9.00 am WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016



An opportunity to explore one of the best open-air museums. The 26-acre site includes over 50 reconstructed houses, shops and industrial premises including a coal mine and canal yard to give an insight into 19th century life in this heavily industrialized area. Go down the mine, ride a tram, visit a school.....

OUR VISIT – Will be a full-day coach trip. The price includes coach travel, admission to the Museum and an introductory talk to the group. After that you are free to explore the various buildings and attractions as you wish.

Note that underground boat trips into the Dudley Canal Tunnel and Limestone Mines operate from the Museum, but these are run by the Dudley Canal Trust and are not included in the admission price.

TIMES – Coach	Depart	Keynsham Parish Church	9.00 am
	Pick up	Keynsham Talbot Inn, Bath Road	9.05 am
	Arrive	Black Country Museum	11.00 am
	Depart	Black Country Museum	4.00pm
	Drop off	Keynsham Parish Church	5.45-6.00 pm
	Arrive	Keynsham Talbot Inn	6.00 pm approx

TRAVEL - The coach will be a 36-seater with toilet facilities.

FOOD & DRINK – The museum incorporates a variety of eating and drinking establishments where you will be able find refreshments with flavours past and present.

PRICES (For members of the Society and their guests)

Coach and admission to Black Country Living Museum	
– single adult (over 60),	£29.00

Please note the following:

1. Payment in full must be made at the time of booking. Cheques should be payable to “Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society”.
2. If the trip is cancelled due to lack of support this decision will be made before 14th August and all monies paid will be refunded.
3. If the trip is curtailed or abandoned due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a major closure of the motorway, no refund will be possible unless the Society can recoup any outlay.
4. It is the responsibility of every passenger to ensure that they are at the departure point for each journey by the required time, as the coach will leave promptly.

BOOKING – Use Part 2 of the booking form and return this with payment in full.

ON THE DAY

- If you are over 60, bring proof of age/entitlement to concession.
- If joining at the Parish Church, be there at 8.50 am.

FURTHER INFORMATION – to find out more about the Museum, visit <http://www.bclm.co.uk/>
The web site includes a map of the Museum.
