



KEYNSHAM & SALT FORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

DETAILS OF MEMBERS' VISITS AND WALKS 2017

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- MAY Tuesday 16th 10.00 am
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CLEVEDON – GUIDED WALK

2.00 pm SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2017

A walk around some of lesser-known parts of Clevedon with local historian Jane Lilly. The walk will end near the Pier so you can visit this, and its new visitor centre, afterwards if you wish.



MEET – Salthouse Fields Car Park, near the Marine Lake

Grid Ref ST 397708. Post code BS21 7TY

PARKING - The car-park where we are starting is large, with 250 spaces. This charges £4 for 4 hours. You may be able to park elsewhere but generally the free carparks are limited to 2 hours. There is also some on-road parking. Use the Parkopaedia website to find the location of other car parks in advance.

DIRECTIONS - Find your way to Clevedon. The car-park is off the B3130 at the south end of the sea front. Drive right through the town via the one-way system to reach it. If you go up any hills you have gone wrong!

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

DURATION – The walk lasts between 1 and 1 ¼ hours.

PRICE – £3 per head.

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

MAKE MORE OF THE DAY – There are plenty of places to find lunch or tea along the front.

“OFF-CENTRE BRISTOL” - GUIDED WALK

10.00 am TUESDAY 16 MAY 2017

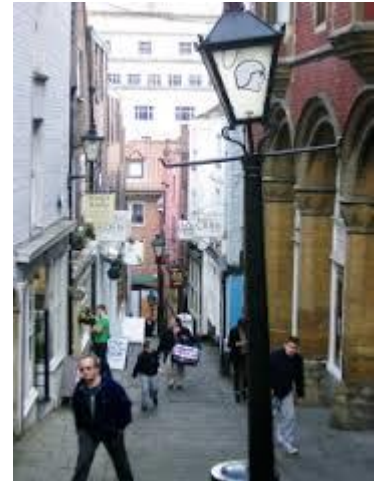
There are many fascinating buildings and historical connections hidden away close to the Centre of Bristol. This walk, led by Society treasurer, Keith Norton, takes us on a tour to explore some of them – you are bound to learn something new!

We will be in the area between The Centre, Park Row and Park Street.

MEET – At The Centre, 904 Park and Ride bus-stop on Broad Quay by the Sainsbury’s Local.

TRANSPORT – It is recommended that you travel by bus. The 904 Park & Ride from Brislington will drop you at the start of the walk.

Alternatively you can catch the 38 or 349 from Keynsham Parish Church but NOTE that the route and stops near the Centre may change before June.



PARKING – If driving, there is a Pay & Display car-park on Wapping Road behind M-Shed. This charges £4.50 for 4 hours.

DURATION – The walk will finish by 1.00pm but we will be stopping for a coffee break part way round. The total distance is not great, but there are quite a number of sites to talk about.

ACCESSIBILITY - Note that we may be climbing Christmas Steps and part of the route is steep.

PRICE – No charge, but booking is still necessary.

BOOKING – Use Part 2 of the booking form.

MOTTISFONT, HAMPSHIRE - COACH TRIP

8.30 am TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

Mottisfont is a medium-sized property, owned by the National Trust, near Romsey. The building was originally an Augustinian priory but after the Reformation passed through a series of owners who rebuilt it to become the mansion we have to-day.



The arrival of Maud and Gilbert Russell in 1934 made Mottisfont the centre of a fashionable artistic and political circle. When the Russells first bought the house, it was in a state of disrepair and they spent the next few years modernising both house and estate. It was at this time that the drawing room was redecorated by Rex Whistler, giving Mottisfont one of its most memorable features. In June, there is an art exhibition, the rose garden should be looking good and the grounds are always attractive. .

Marlborough is a pleasant and thriving Wiltshire town which retains its old high street and some interesting buildings.



OUR VISIT – Will be a full-day coach trip. The price includes coach travel and admission to Mottisfont, both house and grounds. Group guided tours of the house are not available but you can join tours around the grounds. The rose gardens are one of the estate's best

features and you will have time to explore these and more of grounds. On leaving, we will drive across Wiltshire to Marlborough, where you can find refreshments, enjoy the old buildings or spend your money in the very many shops. We will then drive back down the A4 past the enigmatic Silbury Hill and possibly catch a glimpse of the Cherhill white horse.

TIMES – Coach	Departs	Keynsham Parish Church	- 8.30 am
	Departs	Keynsham Talbot Inn	- 8.35 am
	Departs	Saltford	- 8.40 am
	Arrives	Mottisfont	- 10.30 am
	Departs	Mottisfont	- 2.30 pm
	Arrives	Marlborough	- 3.30 pm
	Departs	Marlborough	- 4.45 pm
	Arrives	Saltford Crown	- 6.05 pm approx
	Arrives	Keynsham Talbot Inn	- 6.10 pm approx
	Arrives	Keynsham Parish Church	- 6.15 pm approx

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

FOOD & DRINK – Mottisfont has a restaurant serving hot and cold food and a cafe.

PRICES (For members of the Society and their guests)

Coach and admission to Mottisfont, house and grounds,

– single adult	£30.00
– single adult (NT Member)	£19.00

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 13th 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.

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

BRISTOL DOCKS AND M-SHED STORES

10.30 am WEDNESDAY 5 JULY



Image from M-shed website

This event has kindly been arranged by Alan Salter, one of our members who volunteers at M-shed. The morning has three parts and we will be split into small groups to visit each element in turn.

- i) A visit to the cab of one of the cranes, which will be working.
- ii) A cruise to the Cumberland Basin and demonstration on the fire-boat Pyronaut.
- iii) A visit to the Museum stores to see exhibits not on display.

MEET – Entrance to M - Shed Museum, Princes Street, Bristol, BS1 4RN

TRANSPORT – Bus is recommended. From the Church, routes 38 and 349 go into Bristol via The Centre. Alight at Baldwin Street, just before The Centre **but check stops have not moved**. Alternatively you can use the Brislington Park & Ride and alight at The Centre/Broad Quay.

PARKING – The Pay & Display car-park behind the Museum off Wapping Road now has fewer spaces. But you can park for 4 hours.

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.

MOBILITY - Note that climbing of steep ladders is involved to reach the cranes. If you cannot manage this, it is recommended that you do not book.

DURATION – The whole tour lasts about 2½ hours.

PRICE – £10.00 per head. (All monies go to the maintenance and restoration of the exhibits)

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

BADMINTON HOUSE - GUIDED TOUR

2.15 pm THURSDAY 20 JULY



Image from the Badminton House website

Badminton House is a Grade I Listed Building and has been the principal seat of the Dukes of Beaufort since the late 17th century, when the family moved from Raglan Castle. Aside from being the only stately home to have given its name to an Olympic sport, it has many interesting associations. It was the home of Queen Mary for much of World War II.

We have arranged a guided tour around the ground floor of the House and the South Garden, followed by tea. The House is not normally open to the public so this is a rare opportunity to visit.

Our guide is Christopher Mulholland who was the Vicar at Badminton for a number of years; he has a great knowledge of the history of the family and of the House.

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

MEET – In the parking area at Badminton House.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING - Full details will be given with the booking confirmation, which will be sent out 1-2 weeks before the event.

DURATION – The tour of the House will take about an hour. We then visit the gardens and have tea.

PRICE - **£26.00 per head**, including afternoon tea.

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

CLEEVE ABBEY AND WEST SOMERSET - COACH TRIP

8.30 am WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

Watchet is to-day a small coastal town with a marina and some industry. The town grew up around the harbour, which handled imports and exports from local industry including the nearby paper mill and iron ore, brought from the Brendon Hills via the West Somerset Mineral Railway. After the iron ore trade reduced and ceased in the early-20th century, the port continued handling smaller commercial trade until 2000 when it was converted into a marina. It has a pleasant atmosphere and a small museum.



Cleeve Abbey



Cleeve Abbey is an English Heritage property, something of an undiscovered attraction. It is unusual in that many of the buildings, though not the Abbey Church, escaped destruction during the Reformation, so it does give an idea of what rooms such as the monks' dormitory were like. It also has one of the finest areas of medieval floor tiling to survive in England, which is of special relevance to those interested in Keynsham Abbey.

Dunster is a picture-postcard village within the Exmoor National Park. Its layout is little changed from medieval times, with Castle, Yarn Market, Tithe Barn and many other listed buildings.



The Castle and gardens belong to the National Trust and you will have time to visit them if you wish, though the climb to the Castle is steep.

OUR VISIT – Will be a full-day coach trip. First we drive to Watchet Harbour, where you can stroll round the town and harbour or have a coffee. We then drive a short distance to Cleeve Abbey, where we will have a guided tour (subject to confirmation). Then we have another short journey to Dunster, in time for a slightly late lunch. We will be there for the whole afternoon so you can explore the village, its high street and Castle as you wish. The price includes coach travel and admission to Cleeve Abbey (with guide). Admission to Dunster Castle is not included, but this is free for National trust members.

TIMES – Coach	Departs	Keynsham Parish Church	- 8.30 am
	Departs	Keynsham Talbot Inn	- 8.35 am
	Arrives	Watchet Harbour	- 10.30 am
	Departs	Watchet Harbour	- 11.30 am
	Arrives	Cleeve Abbey	- 11.40 am
	Departs	Cleeve Abbey	- 1.00 pm
	Arrives	Dunster	- 1.15 pm
	Departs	Dunster	- 4.15 pm
	Arrives	Keynsham Parish Church	- 6.15pm approx.
	Arrives	Keynsham Talbot Inn	- 6.20 pm approx.

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

FOOD & DRINK – There are cafes at Watchet and Dunster but no facilities at Cleeve Abbey except for a coffee machine.

PRICES (For members of the Society and their guests)

Coach and admission to Cleeve Abbey

– single concession (ie > 60)	£25.00
– single adult (EH Member – any age)	£21.00

Note: *If you want to take the opportunity of travelling on the **West Somerset Railway** instead of visiting Cleeve Abbey, it is feasible to do this by catching a train from Watchet to Minehead and returning from Minehead to Dunster by train. If you wish to do this, it is not part of the trip and is at your own risk. Please note that it is a one-mile walk from Dunster Station to the Yarn Market on Dunster High Street and you must be back at the Yarn Market by 4.10 pm to catch the coach.*

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 20th 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 you are a member of English Heritage, bring your membership card
- If joining at the Parish Church, be there at 8.20 am.
