

ARCHAEOLOGY & ARCHITECTURE GROUP

KEYWORTH AND DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER 32

February 2017

We meet on the third Thursday in the month from 2.00pm in Keyworth Methodist Church, unless out on a pre-arranged visit. There is a £2.00 charge to cover rental, refreshments and resources.

Greetings,

At our December meeting, we roughly drafted our programme for 2017 (subject to changes!) There is so much to see and do within a few hours of here!!!

Suggestions included:

Attingham Park (NT) and Uriconium (EH); Buildwas Abbey and Much Wenlock, Wenlock Priory (EH); Burrough Hill; Eastwood: D.H.Lawrence Museum; Mortimer's Hole; Sneinton – Green's Mill, St Stephen's Church; Notintone Place (birthplace of William Booth);

Cromford Mills (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Cresswell Crag and St Mary's Colston Bassett have been incorporated into the **REVISED programme**, see below [perhaps you should tear up Newsletter 31!].

KDU3A New Horizons [NH] produce an excellent programme of trips which may involve architecture or archaeology: vouchers are on sale (usually) 2 months before the planned trip. Make your own arrangements at their desk at the U3A monthly meetings.

*New Horizon** visits arranged so far are noted below *in italics*.

**NB: NH visit in July coincides with our meeting date, please go to Lincolnshire!!!!*

Any volunteers (either yourself or with another A&A member) willing to help arrange visits would be very welcome.

Arranging visits:

Keith and Sheila are very happy to help: just let us know what you propose and we can send you a checklist, produce an interest list and an information sheet for the event for circulation to those participating.

The information needed for arranging a successful visit seems to be

- When (to coincide with our meeting dates, weather, holidays, availability; all day or part day visit, departure and return times to be calculated);
- Where (consider distance and possible transport costs),
- What (house, garden, industrial site, brief description of the venue and what may be of particular interest to the group, facilities, access/mobility issues)
- How (car share, public transport, coach or minibus required, how much)
- How much (entrance fees, travel, estimated refreshments costs etc to be calculated).

For example if looking for details and events A&A members might be interested in, try

The National Trust: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/group-visits>

or

English Heritage: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/group-visits>

NT [National Trust] is free to members on production of their membership card): from their website: "Group visits, FAQs":

Does the National Trust offer group rates?

A discount is available for groups of 15 people or more at most properties. It is clearly stated where properties do not offer a discount or where the discount only applies to groups of 20 people or more. Some of the smaller properties and those with conservation constraints are not able to give any group discount.

Does the National Trust offer special rates to school or educational groups?

many of our properties offer special packages for educational groups. Please call 0844 800 1895

Who's eligible for free entry?

...coach drivers; tour leaders escorting group of 15 people or more. National Trust members (except where an extra charge is being made for an event or an out-of-hours visit).

EH [English Heritage] many properties are free, where a charge is made it is often free to educational groups (that is us);

From their website: "**PLANNING GROUP VISITS**"

Take a look at the property pages for information about group visits, or find some inspiration on our **Days out for Groups** pages to find out which historic places around the country make for the perfect trip. If your group includes disabled visitors, see the 'Access' page for each property.

School groups will find useful information in the Education pages.

Art Fund <https://www.artfund.org>

A National Art Fund Pass entitles the holder to free or 50% reduced admission to a range of venues in the UK (I last used mine at Wedgwood Museum, see KDU3A NH 2017 programme, February)

Interest Lists:

Signing up must be an indication of **likely** participation – costs may depend on numbers attending. Often a firm booking is required by the venue and a negotiated price may not apply if numbers drop – those who do go may have to pay more.

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Attingham Park (NT) and Uriconium (EH); Buildwas Abbey and Much Wenlock, Wenlock Priory (EH); Burrough Hill; Buxton, Poole's Cavern; Crich Tramway Village; Eastwood: D.H.Lawrence Museum; Mortimer's Hole; Sneinton – Green's Mill, St Stephen's Church; Notintone Place (birthplace of William Booth).

We have included other suggestions into the revised programme below.

Presentations:

When we are in Keyworth Methodist Church or the Church Hall it is essential that more than one person is familiar with KMC IT equipment, so any speaker can use the excellent computer and projector facilities available to us.

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to make a presentation to the group. There are several of us who can help you prepare a session if you are unsure, what we need is enthusiasm!

Even if reluctant to stand up and speak, your help for others would be appreciated.

IT support:

Anyone who might wish to have a “training session” can attend the Computer Help session on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month: Peter Edge and others (including Brian Dittmer) can talk you through setting up a presentation or finding interesting items on the internet to enhance our learning. There is a “crib sheet” available. Our presentations cannot depend on Brian Dittmer being around!! A&A volunteers are most welcome!

If time allows, we could explore the caves on the computer: Dr David Strange-Walker, Trent Peak Archaeology: “Unknown, Virtually” Nottingham’s Sandstone Caves, at www.NottinghamCavesSurvey.org.uk ;

we could look at iPlayer to catch up a related TV programme you might recommend, (such as the recent series “Invisible Cities”), or

see a relevant DVD, your contributions are most welcome.

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19th January: Presentation “Drury Hill” JKB.

Keith was the lead archaeologist on this excavation before Drury Hill was demolished to make room for the Broadmarsh Centre and has photographs and artefacts from this dig; other items were donated to Nottingham Castle Museum. The City of Caves visitor attraction (accessed from the upper level of the shopping mall, at the foot of the Drury Walk escalator) is a great place to take your visitors!

8th February New Horizons Wedgewood Pottery Stoke on Trent

16th February: Presentation: Five Roman Theatres. Dave Clarke

8th March New Horizons Masonic Hall, Nottingham

16th March: Presentation “Lithuania” Daphne Butler. (IT assistance required)

5th April New Horizons National Guide Dog Centre, Leamington Spa

(NB Easter Sunday falls this year on 16th April, so we will be meeting during Easter Week) Please let us know if you are likely to be away before we confirm a visiting speaker for April.

20th April PRESENTATION: Marilyn Palmer to be confirmed (IT assistance required)

18th May: VISIT Cromford Mills, Derbyshire [UNESCO World Heritage Site]:SMB

22 people to visit Cromford: car share, details to be confirmed.

Combining a Mills Tour, the Arkwright Experience and Discovering Cromford, this is a whole day visit, costing about £10.00pp plus petrol and refreshments, coffee cakes, breakfasts and lunches are available in the café. If you prefer you could take your own food and drink; there is a delicatessen/coffee shop and a fish & chip shop in Cromford, too.

15th June: VISIT St Mary’s Colston Bassett: Elvia Pycroft meet 1.00pm VHCP

20th July: *New Horizons* Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire*

[There will be no A&A meeting in August]

21st September: VISIT Cresswell Crag: SMB (to be arranged)

19th October: Presentation; Carole Pimblett (to be confirmed):

16th November:

Where have you been this year??

Planning for next year

Confirmation of numbers attending December meeting

21st December: The Lacemarket and Lunch

Lacemarket Walk (Nottingham Civic Society Guide? tba),

Group Lunch, (possibly at the Adams' Building tba)

If you would like to contribute to this monthly A&A newsletter, please get in touch with either of us. Just send an item to Keith or Sheila and it can be added.

We would also like to know if you would prefer not to receive an A&A newsletter, or if you would like it to go onto the U3A website.

We can print and distribute hard copies for those without technology if you wish.

Regards

Keith & Sheila Barton