

ARCHAEOLOGY & ARCHITECTURE GROUP

KEYWORTH AND DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER 33

March 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!!!

KDU3A **NEW HORIZONS** 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 HORIZONS* visits arranged so far are noted below *in italics*.

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

Arranging visits: Any volunteers (either yourself or with another A&A member) willing to help arrange visits would be very welcome. 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. [Greater detail was in newsletter 32]

NT [National Trust] is free to members on production of their membership card):
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/group-visits;>

EH [English Heritage] many properties are free, where a charge is made it is often free to educational groups (that is us); <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/group-visits>

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. It is less complicated in the Hall, but when in Church there is an easy to follow "crib sheet" under the desk, and you are not alone!! "Sitting by Nellie" is a tried and tested learning method – just please don't gossip whilst you are sitting at the back.

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!

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16th February: Presentation: "Five Roman Theatres" [Dave Clarke]

Thank you, Dave, for an interesting illustrated talk - copies of the presentation are available: if you would like a copy, please ask.

8th March **NEW HORIZONS** Masonic Hall, Nottingham

16th March: Presentation "Lithuania" [Daphne Butler] (IT assistance required)

Those of you signed up for the Cromford day on 18th May (see below), please bring cheques made payable to K&DU3A for £8.00 for the tour, £8.50 for refreshments:

SO if you are making your own arrangements for food and drink, a cheque is needed for £8.00, for the "full package" £16.50 (per person), please, at the March session..

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:

Sadly, Marilyn Palmer is unable to come on this date - any offers?

Please confirm your interest in Cresswell Crags visit (21st September) at this session so a firm booking can be made.

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

Those who have booked should have an information sheet and a site map, and should pay by the April session, please. Meet at the VHCP 9.30am for a prompt departure by car share.

Cromford is just off the A6, about 30 miles away, estimated travelling time an hour. Please use Mill Yard car park and assemble (10.30 – 11am) outside the Shop in the Yard. Arrivals refreshments (pre-ordered) before the Tour of the Mill at 11.30am; lunch before the Discovering Cromford Tour.

Combining a Mills Tour, the Arkwright Experience and Discovering Cromford, this is a whole day visit costing £8.00 for the tour, £8.50 for arrivals refreshments and a light (pre-booked) lunch. Additional costs might include purchases in the shop, any additional refreshments on or off site, plus a petrol contribution to your driver. If you want to explore further after the visit, (independent shops including coffee shop/delicatessen selling excellent local beers, Scarthin Bookstore) make sure you are in agreement about departure time with your driver! Sheila's mobile 07538 036 509.

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

20th July: VISIT Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire. **NEW HORIZONS** * There will be no A&A meeting on this date: if you wish to go on this visit*, book your own tickets at the NH desk at the monthly U3A meeting in either May or June.

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

21st September: VISIT Cresswell Crags "Inspiring Visitors for 50,000 years": [SMB]

For extensive historical background, look at www.cresswell-crags.org.uk

10 people have expressed an interest in visiting, so there is room for more; it is proposed to car share. There is a charge of £7.50 concessions (us) and if we want a handling session with the curator, the £60 cost of the room and session will be divided between the group - on the basis that 10 have expressed an interest, the cost for the visit will be £17.50. Please confirm your interest by the April meeting please. Additional costs can easily be incurred in the restaurant (there is a reasonable varied seasonal menu available), and the shop.

19th October: Presentation: topic to be confirmed [Carole Pimblett]

Hope you enjoy the programmes on Monday 27th February 2017 (available on iPlayer for a month):

BBC4 9pm: "Britain's Pompeii: a Village Lost in Time" (Alice Roberts at Must Farm) and

BBC4 10pm: Dan Cruickshank and "the Family that built Gothic Britain" George Gilbert Scott's dynasty of Victorian architects. Pass the chocs

Regards *Keith & Sheila Barton*