

## ARCHAEOLOGY & ARCHITECTURE GROUP KEYWORTH AND DISTRICT



### NEWSLETTER 42 JANUARY 2018 PROPOSED U3A A&A Group PROGRAMME 2018

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** 2pm DVD afternoon, KMC: **SIX ENGLISH TOWNS (JKB)** in Keyworth Methodist Church

“Six English Towns” a potted history and architectural study of English towns with character: Chichester (West Sussex); Richmond (Yorkshire); Tewkesbury (Gloucestershire); Stamford (Lincolnshire); Totnes (Devon); Ludlow (Shropshire). If you have any related material – pictures, stories, brochures, experiences – please bring them along.

**Details of visits:** Bridget Bagshaw and Lesley Coote to inform us of arrangements for February and March visits:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** visit **PUGIN’S CATHEDRAL**, Derby Road, Nottm (Bridget Bagshaw) Public transport.

*Many thanks to Bridget Bagshaw for offering to arrange this visit*

A guided tour of the Catholic Cathedral, Derby Road and Mary Potter Heritage Centre, Regent Street.

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You might also be interested in **Keyworth Conservation Area Census events:** There are 2 each year in the Centenary Lounge; the next will be “Farms, Barns and Rural Buildings” 11am – 4pm on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Keyworth & District Local History Society (KDLHS) Bookstall will offer publications & greetings cards.

We invite people to attend with material to be displayed and can scan, save to disc for both you and the archive, and return originals safely.

[The November event will be “Commemorating Conflict” on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the week after the Centenary of the Armistice].

Can you help? please contact Sheila Barton: [sheilakingdom@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakingdom@gmail.com)

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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** visit, public transport: **LEICESTER** (Lesley Coote) New Walk Museum, etc; transport TBC

*Many thanks to Lesley Coote for researching and offering to arrange this visit.*

SB has timetable for P&R if we decide to car share and has contacted Community Concern (to find out the cost to hire a minibus & driver); CR to explore National Coach costs.

Suggested itinerary: **coffee/toilets on arrival, tour in Cathedral followed by lunch, and then Richard III Centre afterwards.**

Leicester Cathedral £3 donation + tour (£3 or £5): [Entry to the Cathedral is free to individual visitors, with a suggested donation of £3]. **Groups of + 10 need to book in advance & there is a charge for visits.** Open 10-5pm, except when services are being held, may change at short notice and close for special events. [During the daily services of Morning Prayer (8.30am), Eucharist (1.00pm Tuesday – Friday) and Evensong/Evening Prayer (5.30pm), everyone is welcome to join in, but it is not possible to visit as a tourist or to see the tomb at these times].

**TOURS:** are usually 10.00am – 12.45pm & 1.45 pm – 5.00pm Monday - Saturday. Two types of guided tours are available:

Full tour at £5 per head (one hour duration. 3 weeks’ notice is required) or

Richard III focus tour at £3 per head (lasts 30 minutes with introduction to Tomb, Pall & Book of Hours).

Groups pre-book a Guided tour of the Cathedral - contact our Bookings Manager Peter Collett (Tel: 0116 261 5369, Email: [peter.collett@leccofe.org](mailto:peter.collett@leccofe.org)). If you are intending to visit the King Richard III Visitor Centre as well, you can book an **all in one ticket** including a visit to the Cathedral directly with them – [www.kriii.com](http://www.kriii.com).

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Wheelchair access is available at the South door and ramps are placed within the Cathedral building at strategic points. There are some parking spaces suitable for blue badge holders on the street in front of the Cathedral. Additionally, there are disabled spaces in the St Martins House car park which may be available with prior arrangement. Disabled toilet facilities are available within the Cathedral. St Martins House and, when it is open, the Guildhall, both of which are next to the Cathedral, also have accessible toilet facilities.

**RICHARD III VISITOR CENTRE** Monday – Friday, Sunday: 10am – 4pm; Saturday, Bank Holidays: 10am – 5pm

Last admission is 90 minutes before closing. Adult (16+ Years) £8.95; Child (5 – 15 Years) £4.75; Family (2 adults and 2 children) £21.50, Over 60s, Student £8.00. **If you are planning to visit in a group size of 15 or more:**

- Preferential admission rate of £7.00 per person – prices held for 2017; Dedicated group booking office
- Personal welcome by a member of our Visitor Services team; Free entry for tour leader and coach driver
- Free familiarisation visit for group leaders on confirmation of booking. Group visits are to be booked in advance. Bookings can be made by email or by telephone on 0116 229 4132 or download and complete our Group Booking Form and return it via email or by post to: Group Bookings, King Richard III Visitor Centre, 4A St Martin's, Leicester LE1 5DB

**Café** available for drinks & light lunches (seats 40); We have fully accessible **toilet facilities** within the Centre, at the back of the building, ground floor. The King Richard III Visitor Centre welcomes guests with disabilities, and their helpers and carers; our exhibition and facilities are designed to be fully accessible to our disabled guests. We estimate a visit to the Centre will last approximately 90 minutes, most of which time visitors will be required to stand whilst making their way around the exhibition and grave enclosure. However there are seating areas within the courtyard and café area. **Wheelchair users** The exhibition and grave enclosure is all level pathways. Access to the upper level via a lift. Some areas of the exhibition require the ability to navigate tight angles.

**Accessible Parking** the Visitor Centre does not have any designated parking, there are many car parks within Leicester city centre, close by. Leicester City Council car parks include free parking for blue badge holders. You can find out more about car parking in the city [here](#). NB these car parks are not operated by the Visitor Centre.

**Visually Impaired Guests** A personal guided tour can be arranged for visitors with visual impairment if you contact us in advance by **email** or by calling 0116 229 4132. A large print version of our guide book is also available in the gift shop.

**Hearing Impaired Guests** Some of the exhibits include audio content, and most of these are accompanied by subtitles on screen. In addition to subtitles, the King Richard III Visitor Centre app can be downloaded onto a smartphone or tablet and provides transcripts of all the audio in the exhibition, as well as additional information. You can download the app [here](#). There is a hearing loop at reception for visitors using hearing aids and guests are able to bring carers to assist.

Leicester offers a **shopmobility scheme**: a free loan service providing scooters, powerchairs and wheelchairs and available to anyone who struggles to walk around the city centre. Membership is required, however this is free and can be used immediately after joining: you will need two proofs of identity (which include your current address) and two passport sized photographs. You can find out more about the shopmobility scheme on the council's [shopmobility web page](#).

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** presentation, KMC: **THE BLACK BOY HOTEL** “Gone but not Forgotten” (Richard Upton/SMB) in the Keyworth Methodist Church Hall. Display material, including a scale model of the Hotel.

Located on Long Row, the Black Boy Hotel was rebuilt on the site of a C17th inn in the late 1880s by local architect Watson Fothergill. The building survived until 1970 when it was demolished amidst great public outcry to make way for a new building, occupied by Littlewoods, and latterly Primark. This modernist build is in stark contrast to Fothergill's easily identifiable style. The exhibition is a detailed history of the building, architects plans, photographs and carefully reconstructed scale model of Fothergill's glorious building. Credited as having had a great impact on the architecture of Nottingham, Fothergill designed over 100 buildings in the city: offices, banks, warehouses, churches and private dwellings. His easily recognisable style includes the use of contrasting horizontal bands of red and blue brick, dark timber eaves and balconies, and elaborate turrets and stone carving. [See links to Watson Fothergill websites in previous newsletter and Trail circulated for December 2017 meeting]

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Nottingham Civic Society Guided Walk (TBA)** Public transport: Public walks start in June to early September and are varied in the areas around the City Centre. Leaflets for the are available in the Tourist Information and libraries from late May. Prearranged guided walks available from April: [Volunteer needed, please](#), if you would be willing to **contact** Nottingham Civic Society to request a guided walk before “the season” through either Kurt Hatton: 07736 431 571 [k.hatton-civic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:k.hatton-civic@hotmail.co.uk); or Kevin Powell 07791 663 507 [kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com](mailto:kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** visit, car share: **BELTON HOUSE (NT)**, Lincolnshire (Selwyn Howle) car share.

*Many thanks to Selwyn Howle for offering to arrange this visit.* Built for Sir John Brownlow (1680s), Belton has formal Italianate and Dutch gardens, an historic 1300-acre deer park – a quintessential English country house estate. Restaurant, café, gift and garden shops. Don't forget your NT card for free entry! If you do not have a valid NT card, you can join on the day and get your entrance fee (£8.80) back. If you haven't got one, ask father Christmas for membership! (Adult £64.80 per annum). See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/join-us> [Incidentally if you are a member, the Nottingham National Trust branch meet at The Mechanics, North Sherwood Street, Nottingham on the 2nd Thursday of the month].

**Please let us know if you have ideas/are willing to arrange topics for A&A for the rest of 2018:** [Thursdays] [SMB will inform Graham Payne of booking requirements, 0115 9147 928 when decided] 19<sup>th</sup> July; 20<sup>th</sup> Sept; 18<sup>th</sup> Oct; 15<sup>th</sup> Nov; 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Regards *Keith & Sheila Barton*