

ARCHAEOLOGY & ARCHITECTURE GROUP

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Thursday 22nd February: St Barnabas' Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham.

PUGIN'S CATHEDRAL: *Many thanks to Bridget Bagshaw for arranging this visit.*

The group met at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Derby Road, and after lunch a visit had been arranged to the Mary Potter Heritage Centre, 32 Regent Street, nearby.

One group member said: "The visit was enjoyable and very successful and we are all grateful to Bridget for organising it. Our guide Father Kevin was engaging and informative on most of the features of this building and welcome refreshment was offered afterwards. The visit to the Mary Potter Heritage Centre, of which I was unaware, proved even more fascinating and revealing. There is a real story here of a saintly woman whose work for the sick and dying during her period in the City laid the foundation for expansion of the Order into Europe, South Africa and today in the Far East. The exhibition including artefacts, photos and modern technology is brilliant and the two guides, resident members of the Order, gave us a moving in-depth account of the life and work of the Venerable Sister Mary and the Company of the Little Sisters. Again a warm and friendly welcome with tea and biscuits to follow. A really interesting experience thanks again to Bridget".

Handouts available: they can be sent to you by email (no charge) or hard copies can be provided, at cost. Please let SMB if you would like this information:

St Barnabas' Cathedral (4pp) 50p; Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin (14pp) £1.50; Mary Potter (4pp) 50p

Thursday 15th March: Leicester Cathedral and the Richard III Visitor Centre

Many thanks to Lesley Coote for researching and arranging this visit.

Bring your concessionary travel pass. **Suggested itinerary:**

9.30am Village Hall Car Park for car share to

10.00am Birstall Park & Ride (£4/car return fare, retain your ticket for return)

(cash only: staffed desk, waiting room, frequent service: 303 Park & Ride bus to city centre):

10.30am Haymarket Shopping Bus Station, stand BD at the shopping centre.

Shortish (**5 minutes**) walk along Charles Street, Halford St and Rutland Street to

11.00am meet at coffee bar of the Curve Theatre, Rutland Street.

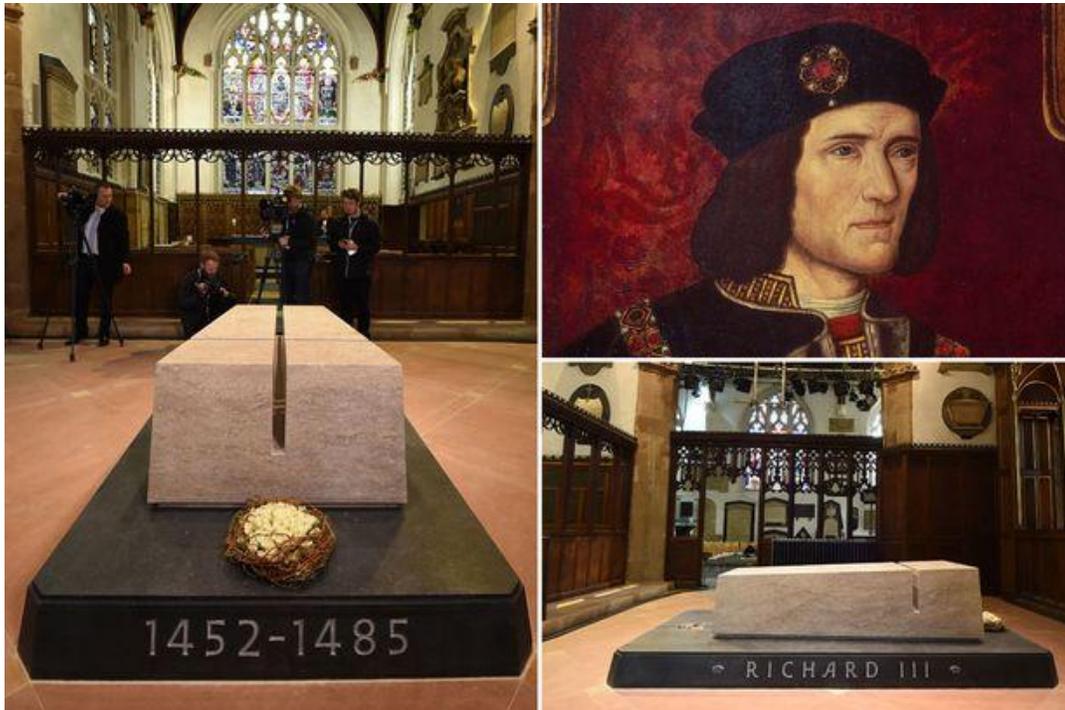
Refreshments, toilets. Leicester Cathedral is across from the Theatre, the Guildhall (free to enter, worth a look) around the corner, Richard III visitor centre nearby. If we go 'as individuals' we are less pressured about time, but visitors need to either vacate the Cathedral or participate in Eucharist at 1.00pm.

Details were circulated before, but as there < 15 people expressing an interest at present, it was decided that we would "Pay as You Go" rather than make a group booking, we could simply turn up "as individuals". (Prices and restrictions are outlined below).

11.30am-ish Leicester Cathedral

£3 donation + tour (£3 or £5): [Entry to the Cathedral is free to individual visitors, with a suggested donation of £3].

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].



Pictures from Google images

Richard III Visitor Centre Mon – Fri, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Last admission 2.30pm.

Over 60s:£8.00 (Ticket can be used again, for a year from purchase). NB: If you are an English Heritage member, download the 2 for 1 voucher (expires end of March) from EH website before you come, bring your membership card.

1.00pm ish Shall we lunch here??? **Café** available for drinks & light lunches (seats 40); fully accessible **toilet facilities**, back of the building, ground floor.

2.00pm ish 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; there are seating areas within the courtyard and café area.

A large print version of our guide book is available in the gift shop.

There is a hearing loop at reception for visitors using hearing aids and guests are able to bring carers to assist. Some of the exhibits include audio content, and most 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, plus additional information. You can download the app [here](#).

Leicester **shopmobility scheme**: a free loan service providing scooters, powerchairs and wheelchairs to anyone who struggles to walk around the city centre. Free Membership can be used immediately after joining: you need 2 proofs of ID (which include your current address) and two passport sized photographs.

To be arranged with your driver: Return to Haymarket Bus Station (stand BD) to return to Birstall Park & Ride, [last bus 6.30pm].

Lesley says: "I note that Future Learn have a free on- line course on Richard III. Having found out about their courses through U3A, I did a genealogy course and found it excellent and I hope to register for the Richard one. Some members may wish to do it as pre-visit homework!"

Thursday 19th April: THE BLACK BOY HOTEL “Gone but not Forgotten” (Richard Upton/SMB) Display in the Keyworth Methodist Church Hall.

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. [See links to Watson Fothergill websites in previous newsletter and Trail circulated for December 2017 meeting].

Thursday 17th 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; or

Kevin Powell 07791 663 507 kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com

Thursday 21st June: visit, car share: BELTON HOUSE (NT), Lincolnshire (Selwyn Howle) TBC

Car share [the Community buses are already booked out for this date] TBC.

An interest List will be available at our April meeting.

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. (Annual membership per Adult £64.80 p.a.)

Many thanks to Selwyn Howle for offering to arrange this visit

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 19th July; 20th Sept; 18th Oct; 15th Nov; 20th Dec

Regards *Keith & Sheila Barton*

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.