

## PROPOSED U3A A&A Group PROGRAMME 2018

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

“**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

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

[See St Barnabas’ Cathedral, Nottingham (from Wikipedia), 4pp, Pugin handout (4pp);

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

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.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April: presentation, KMC: **THE BLACK BOY HOTEL “Gone but not Forgotten” (Richard Upton/SMB)**

Richard will bring his display material, including a scale model of the Hotel, to the Methodist Church.

(Richard, (a member of Bramcote History Group) has researched the history of the well-loved, but long demolished Black Boy Hotel, a long-lamented ornament of the city. Located on Long Row in the City Centre, the Black Boy Hotel was rebuilt on the site of a C17th inn in the late 1880s by renowned local architect Watson Fothergill.

The building survived until 1970 when it was demolished amidst great public outcry and sadness to make way for a new building which was occupied by Littlewoods, and more recently Primark. This modernist build is in stark contrast to Fothergill’s easily identifiable style.

The exhibition is a detailed history of the building, including architects plans, photographs and a carefully reconstructed scale model of Fothergill’s glorious building.

Credited as having had a great impact on the architecture of Nottingham, Fothergill designed over a hundred buildings in the city, from offices, banks and warehouses, to churches and private dwelling houses. 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, above]

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, to arrange a proposed walk in May: let either Keith or Sheila know (asap) if you would be willing to **contact** Nottingham Civic Society through either

Kurt Hatton: 07736 431 571 k.hatton-civic@hotmail.co.uk; or Kevin Powell 07791 663 507 kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com

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

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].*

*[SB to contact speaker (Frances Potts) from Bromley House Library for list of talks and costs, recommended by PW]*

Please let us know if you have ideas/are willing to arrange topics for A&A for the rest of 2018:

Thursdays 19<sup>th</sup> July;

20<sup>th</sup> September; NH arranging visit to Stratford, Heritage Trail

18<sup>th</sup> October; 15<sup>th</sup> November; 20<sup>th</sup> December