

U3A A&A Group PROGRAMME 2018

Thursday 18th 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 –bring them along.

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

Thursday 15th 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); *Thanks to Bridget for arranging this visit*

Thursday 15th March: visit **LEICESTER: CATHEDRAL, RICHARD III CENTRE, GUILDHALL (Lesley Coote)**;

Transport car share to Birstall P&R, meet VHCP (Take your bus pass with you.) Guided Tour of Cathedral.

Coffee, tea etc, lunch at either of the cafes at the Cathedral/RIII. *Thanks to Lelsey for arranging this visit*

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

(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 17th May: **Keyworth Methodist Church**

thanks to Selwyn for arranging this visit: let him know of interest for the Belton House visit in June, and help to plan the A&A programme for the rest of the year.

Summer Walks in Nottingham City Centre, Nottingham Civic Society 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.

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

12.30pm meet in the Village Hall Car Park for car sharing: [the Community buses are already booked out for this date]. *Many thanks to Selwyn Howle for offering to arrange this visit*

If you are a member, don’t forget your **NT card for free entry!** [It must be shown at the entrance]. If you do not have a valid NT membership card, you can join on the day and get your entrance fee (£8.80) back. (membership per Adult £64.80 p.a.).

[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.*]

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.

Thursday 19th July: KMC: Presentation – Carole Pimblett “The Origins of Place Names”. *Many thanks to Carole Pimblett for offering this presentation.*

We shall not meet in August.

Thursday 20th September: Where have you been this summer? Keyworth Methodist Church: bring your photographs, maps, brochures etc which might be of interest. If you can do a short presentation, so much the better.

27th September New Horizons trip to Stratford: contact Lorraine Donovan 937 2766 see K&DU3A website: <http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk/>

Thursday 18th October: Presentation: **The Parish Boundary Project (Dave Clarke)**

Thursday 15th November: Presentation: **The CA Census Project, the Vernacular Buildings Survey (SMB)**

Thursday 20th December: "Christmas Lunch"? Elvia Pycroft is to explore restaurant possibilities, thank you!

SMB has informed Graham Payne of booking requirements as we shall be meeting at KMC:

19th July; 20th September; 18th October; 15th November

Please let us know if you have ideas/are willing to arrange a visit or a presentation for A&A for 2019:

Suggestions so far:

Guided Walks: Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham (DC to find contact); BGS;

Newark Air Museum;

Cromwell's House, Ely....