

# Architecture and Archaeology

This information is available on the Keyworth & District U3A website, Interest Groups:

Initially the Architecture and Archaeology Groups were separate groups. In August 2013 they combined, Howard Fisher and Keith Barton becoming joint leaders; Keith has subsequently become group leader.

| Group Leader | Telephone     | Venue          | Frequency | Day          | Time            |
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| Keith Barton | 0115 937 3068 | Methodist Hall | Monthly   | 3rd Thursday | 2.00pm – 4.00pm |

The programme is determined by the wishes of the group. We generally have a planning meeting/festive get together at our December meeting, when we consider the possibilities for the following year's programme. This may involve talks (produced by the members or by invited speakers), films, visits to properties and sites of interest: It is not necessary to be a member of the National Trust or of English Heritage to participate in the visits, but it helps to reduce the cost of visits to members.

Members are encouraged to send photographs to Peter Edge, K&DU3A web manager, who uploads them to the website: [www.keyworthu3a.org.uk](http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk) for all to see!

[Photographs taken during the visits can be seen at [Visit Photographs](#)].

**March 2009** The Architecture Group started (JKB)

**2009 & 2010:** we raced through time, via the built environment, from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, with some personal comment thrown in to add the occasional spice.

## A & A Group HANDOUTS

If you have not attended the group from the beginning or missed some of the earlier meetings, then you will have some blanks in your collection of handouts, which formed the basis of the earlier Architecture Group. All these handouts are available, so that, *only if you wish*, you can make sure you have the complete set, or choose those which interest you, by letting Keith know which you would like. We can provide you with them electronically or (for the charge of the printing and paper) hard copies if you prefer; the charge for which is dependent on the number of sheets involved.

1. General Chronology 20p
2. The Development of the Castle 80p
3. Gothic in Britain 70p
4. Birth of the Renaissance 15p
5. English Renaissance Architecture 35p
6. Towards the English Baroque 60p
7. The Age of the Machine 20p
8. The Age of Iron and Steel 30p
9. The Dawn of a New Age 30p
- 10 The Door to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (CR Mackintosh) 30p
- 11 A Step into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century 30p
- 12 The Domestic House 25p
- 13 Surface Decoration 10p
- 14 St Pancras Station & Hotel 35p
- 15 Venice (La Serenissima) 25p
- 16 Nottingham Underground 20p

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| 17 The Mediterranean: Egypt            | 50p    |
| [Total for a complete set of the above | £5.85] |

Several visits were arranged:

Repton and Melbourne (Derbyshire)

Newark (Nottinghamshire)

Ludlow and Stokesay Castle (Shropshire); with an overnight stay in a 17<sup>th</sup> century manor house, c/o the YHA

Harlaxton Manor, (Nottinghamshire)

## 2011:

We considered the last 40 years from Brutalism to the revival of elegance of the last century and the beginning of the present. Visits in 2011 included

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| July      | Guided tour of the Lace Market (Nottingham Civic Society guide) |
| September | Guided tour of the newly refurbished St Pancras Hotel           |
| October   | Museum of Historic Buildings, Avoncroft, and Hanbury Hall (NT)  |

## 2012:

The Archaeology Group started in October (HF), looking at all types of archaeology below, on and above the ground, by talks, site visits and occasional outside speakers.

We looked at digs, the landscape, structures and buildings, set in the historical context and the lives of contemporary people. We explored industrial archaeology, considering where buildings show how people worked in the past, and their changed use for today.

## 2013:

Amalgamation of the groups in 2013, since when there have been several more talks and visits. We aim to make visits as reasonably priced as possible, car sharing or using public transport, arranging to use NT/EH or group visit rates to keep costs down.

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| April     | Cresswell Crags field visit (HF)   |
| July      | Peterborough Cathedral & Flag Fen (HF)   |
| September | A&A newsletter 1 first of a (largely) monthly round up of information which may be of interest to the group.                         |
| October   | "Little known Leicestershire & Rutland" Interactive DVD and discussion about possible visits in the future (SMB)                     |
| November  | Tour of Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, lunch, followed by tour of old University College building, Nottingham Trent University (HF) |

## 2014:

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| April  | "Nottingham" Part 2 DVD (following Part 1 last year)   |
| May    | Nottinghamshire Engineering:<br>Guided tours of<br>Bestwood Winding Engine and Papplewick Pumping Station  |
| June   | "Ticknall Pots and Potters" [Janet Spavold & Sue Brown, TAG] (JKB)   |
| July   | New Horizons (NH) visit to Wakefield Mining Museum   |
| August | Tattershall Castle & College, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, Coningsby (HF) had to be cancelled. It was decided that visits should rely on car sharing/public transport as coach hire costs were beginning to prove to be prohibitive. |

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| September | Videos afternoon: John Betjeman  |
| October   | Guided Tours of Stainsby Mill and Hardwick Hall [NT](SMB)  |
| November  | "Treasure! The discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard" [Mercian Touring Exhibition]; lunch, followed by a guided tour of the church and crypt, St Wystan's Church, Repton. (SMB) |
| December  | Presentation: "The Anglo Saxons" (JKB)   |

## 2015:

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| January    | Presentation "Northumberland" (HF)   |
| February:  | Presentation "Asylums – a place of safety or punishment?" An historical view of workhouses and asylum since the C13th (SMB)  |
| March      | Videos afternoon: John Betjeman (LD/BD)  |
| April:     | Guided visit to the Workhouse [NT], Southwell, lunch in Southwell<br>Archbishop's Palace, Southwell Minster, following recent refurbishment (SMB)  |
| May        | Presentation: "Streetwise" (LD)  |
| June:      | Visit to Leicestershire (AC):<br>Lyddington Bede [EH]; lunch at the Marquis of Exeter; Stone Dry Church<br>25 <sup>th</sup> NH visit to Leicester, the last resting place of Richard III (H&JF)<br>27 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nottinghamshire History & Archaeology Day, University of Nottingham Museum |
| July:      | Guided tour of The Malt Cross, St James' Street, Nottingham (HF)   |
| September: | Invitation to share holiday visits with the group: Sardinia (M&CW); LD   |
| October:   | NH visit to Lichfield, guided tour of the Cathedral available (JF);<br>Civil War Centre, guided Civil War Walk, Newark (HF)  |
| November:  | Presentation "Bristol" (BD)  |
| December:  | Planning for 2016 including a brief visit to the EH website –Celebrating Christmas through the ages" with seasonal nibbles with our tea and coffee.  |

We also arranged to pass round the refreshment basket at each meeting in KMC, if the volunteer providing the refreshments needs to replenish supplies, a receipt can be presented for reimbursement.

Members are encouraged to participate - perhaps volunteer to arrange a visit; provide a short talk on a topic of interest; describe some place you may have visited on holiday; bring a CD or DVD the group may be interested in.... We meet in Keyworth Methodist Church Hall when we are not out making visits; we have the use of the U3A laptops and digital projector, screen, and tables for displays if needed.

A small charge is made to cover the cost of room rental, tea/coffee and biscuits. It was decided to increase our "subs" to £2.00 in order to accumulate some funds to pay for a future coach visit, otherwise we would travel by car share or public transport to keep the cost of our visits to a minimum.

## 2016:

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| January   | Presentations: "Gaudi / Barcelona" (CW); "Puglia" (H&JF)  |
| February: | NH visit to the Malt Cross, St James' Street, Nottingham (HF)<br>DVD Session: John Betjeman (JKB)                                   |
| March     | City of Caves (SB) Guided Tour of Drury Hill caves  |
| April:    | Stoneywell [NT] (SB) Guided Tour (car share)  |
| May       | Guided tour the Church and Anglo-Saxon Crypt, St Wystan's Church, Repton, followed by lunch, then Calke Abbey [NT] (SB) (car share) |
| June:     | Presentation "The Black and White trail, Herefordshire" (JKB)   |

29<sup>th</sup> NH visit to Newstead Abbey

July: Stamford (car share) (SB)

September: Where did you go on holiday?

October: 5<sup>th</sup> NH visit Lincoln by coach: (NB there will be no A&A meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>)

November: to be confirmed;

December: planning for 2017

Several suggestions have been received in the past –we are not short of either archaeology or architecture hereabouts! What we need are people who are willing to offer to arrange visits and/or to make presentations or devise sessions for the group to enjoy when we are not out and about.

At our meetings we usually have some refreshments half way through the afternoon: volunteers to make the tea and coffee and wash the few cups up would be appreciated. Keith's copies of 'Current Archaeology' and 'World Archaeology' are made available at meetings for members to borrow, if they wish, as are several books and leaflets.

Information which may be of interest is included in our monthly A&A newsletter:

**Local events** Displays, talks, lectures, "hands on" sessions at the Department of Archaeology, University of Nottingham and at Lakeside; CBA events in the county; information from The Thoroton Society (the county historical and archaeological society for Nottinghamshire, founded in 1897, named in honour of Dr Robert Thoroton (1623 – 1678) who lived in Car Colston. He published the first history of the county in 1677); details of Saturday Seminars at Lenton Grove, University of Nottingham (held during the winter months from October); updates of the current Nottingham Castle Transformation can be forwarded, or you can request them yourself through the Nottingham City Council website:  
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/stayconnected>

**National discoveries** There has been a lot of information hitting the headlines – yes, archaeology is interesting and is being discovered and reinterpreted regularly!! Keep an eye on the TV and Radio listings...let us know if you have spotted anything...

If you would be willing to offer to help with presentations or arranging a visit, please contact Keith or Sheila. We would be delighted! If you need any assistance:

telephone: 0115 937 3068 or Email: [keithbarton1932@gmail.com](mailto:keithbarton1932@gmail.com) or [sheilakingdom@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakingdom@gmail.com)

See the website for pictures taken on visits uploaded to our A&A page:



If you have taken any photographs on our visits,  
you are welcome to send them to either Sheila or Keith, or  
email them directly to our web manager, Peter Edge, who kindly uploads them to our  
website: <http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk/>

Peter can be contacted on 0115 937 2437 or by email [peter.edge@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.edge@ntlworld.com)

Regards, *Keith & Sheila*