



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

**ARCHITECTURE,
ARCHAEOLOGY AND
HISTORY GROUP**

NEWSLETTER

NO. 5 August 2019

2019 PROGRAMME

The dates for 2019 meetings are:-

15th August Methodist Church

19th September Methodist Church. We are away on this date so will require a volunteer to run this meeting.

17th October outing by Community Bus to Donington-le-Heath Manor House

21st November Methodist Church

19th December Methodist Church - if we decide to have a meeting in this month.

At the June meeting we discussed the maximum amount we would be prepared to pay for an outing. The generally acceptable figure was £25 to £30 but this would be dependant on NT and/or EH membership discounts.

The outing on 17th October 2019 is using the Community bus and we are intending to try and reserve this bus for three 2020 outings as soon as bookings for that year open. If these buses are not available then we will have to use commercial coaches and this increases the cost.

As a cost example the 19-seat coach for our half-day visit to Gainsborough Old Hall is costing £325 and a 35-seat all-day coach on a trip to Warwick that Jackie and I recently organised cost £450. We can expect 2020 prices to see an increase on these sums.

A drawback of the Community Bus is that it only seats 14 people so seats will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Above this number we will try to arrange car share.

Please see inside and back page for information on our outing in October.

Because Jackie and I will not be at the September meeting we would ask for you bookings for October at the August meeting or otherwise by getting it to us at our home.

The deadline for booking is 1st October because we need to advise the venue of our numbers by then.

The group meets in Keyworth Methodist Church Hall (sometimes the church itself) on the third Thursday monthly commencing at 2 p.m.

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Address: 21, Brockwood Crescent, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5HQ

The July Meeting

July saw 19 of us travel by coach and a further six by car to visit Gainsborough Old Hall, We has a very entertaining guided tour by a very passionate lady who was dressed in period costume. She not only taklkd about the Hall building and its various owners, but put everything into its historical context - a real rough guide to history - with, perhaps a lot of conjecture but also many accuracies.

Not only did we learn about history and the Hall but also the derivation of several of our often used phrases which stem from late medieval times.

Several monarchs visited Gainsborough Hall and there were examples of clothing worn by them on display to help our understanding.

After the tour there was plenty of time to enjoy refreshments and take a further look around the bulding.

See page 3 for some pictures

Advance Notice

In our travels around the UK and abroad many of us take photographs of the places we visit.

Our meeting in January 2020 will be given over to you having an opportunity to share your images with the rest of us and giving a description of what we will be seeing. Your description can be as simple or detailed as you wish, no ned to stress about it.

All that will be required is to let Howard have your images a couple of weeks before the meeting so that he can put them into a PowerPoint show. The images can be sent by email or given on a memory card. If you have any doubt how to do this just ask - it is really very simple.

October Outing - see back page for booking form

“The 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath, formerly Donington le Heath Manor House, has undergone a stunning refurbishment in order to tell the story of its former owners and residents. This rare and beautiful house is a surviving example of a family home built in the 13th century and then modernised in 1618. The house has been home to many families over its 700 year history, but the Digby family, which included the Gunpowder Plotter Sir Everard Digby, lived in the house for over two hundred years. It is towards the end of the Digby ownership that the newly refurbished house is focused, showing how people lived in late Elizabethan and early Jacobean times.

Visitors can now see the beautifully restored period rooms and talk to our volunteers about the history of the house, the families that lived here and about life in the 1620s. The house is set in beautiful 17th century style gardens with labelled plants and flowers, an orchard, herb gardens and a maze.”



Photos from the Gainsborough Old Hall Visit



Photos Howard Fisher



Photo Jackie Fisher



Photo Jackie Fisher

October Outing Booking Form

17th October 2019

Donington-le-Heath Manor House - Guided Tour

Cost: By Community Bus £14.00

By own car £10.00

This includes a cup of tea/coffee and cake.

Please note: the house entry fee is an annual fee so you can revisit anytime within 12 months.

Departing Keyworth Village Hall car park at 12.15 p.m.

Departing Donington-le-Heath 4.00 pm (eta Keyworth 5.15 p.m.)

Bookings need to be made by 1st October



Please reserve seats on the bus

I/we will travel by own transport

(Delete as appropriate)

Name 1

Name 2

I enclose £ Cash/cheque. Cash is preferred which saves our U3A Treasurer some work!

Cheques payable to Keyworth & District U3A

Please return booking form to Howard & Jackie Fisher at meeting or 21, Brockwood Crescent, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5HQ. PLEASE NOTE WE SHALL NOT BE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.