



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

**ARCHITECTURE,
ARCHAEOLOGY AND
HISTORY GROUP**

NEWSLETTER

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Hello,
Please see programme changes below.

For all future outings **we will need payment before we take a firm booking** this is to save confusions over whether someone has booked or not. We will also be asking you for your mobile phone number (if you have one) to use **ONLY** in the event of an emergency on an outing such as sudden illness of getting lost. We will give you our mobile numbers on the day for similar use.

2019 PROGRAMME

The dates for 2019 meetings are:-

20th June Methodist Church.
18th July Outing to Gainsborough Old Hall - further information and booking form on pages 2 and 4.
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 tba by Community Bus
21st November Methodist Church
19th December Methodist Church - if we decide to have a meeting in this month.

At the June meeting we will need to discuss what is the maximum amount we are each prepared to spend on an outing. This is to enable planning to be made with that parameter.

When thinking about this please bear in mind that if we cannot use the Community Bus then we have to use commercial coaches and the cost of these has spiralled over the past year or so so that we are looking at something between £15 and £17 per seat. On top of this there are entry fees to consider unless we are members of NT or EH. Jackie is a member of the New Horizons team which frequently book coaches and so is aware of current costs.

Even using the Community Bus involves costs around £10 per passenger for around 100 mile round trip.

We could therefore be looking at up to £25 per outing depending on venue and exact costs.

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

Group leaders: Howard & Jackie Fisher. Email: handjaf@virginmedia.com Phone: 0115-937-2898

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Outing to Gainsborough Old Hall

18th July 2019

Departing Keyworth Elm Avenue/Selby lane at 12.30 pm and leaving Gainsborough at 4.30 p.m. Using a small coach.

SEATS ON THE COACH ARE FILLING QUICKLY so early booking is essential using the form on the back of this newsletter.

If travelling independently **WE STILL REQUIRE A BOOKING FORM COMPLETING. See below regarding English Heritage members.**

Gainsborough Old Hall is an English Heritage property in the centre of Gainsborough. The coach will drop us outside the Hall. For those opting to travel independently it is necessary to use one of the town centre car parks a short walk from the Hall.

Gainsborough Old Hall is one of the biggest, grandest and best-preserved medieval manor houses in England. Lavishly built in timber-framing and brick, it dates mainly from the later 15th century, with Elizabethan additions.

We will see the magnificent great hall with its soaring roof and big bay window, served by a complete set of original rooms for preparing food and drink. The huge medieval kitchen is among the most impressive in the country, with everything you could want for cooking feasts. It has been furnished and equipped as it might have appeared when Richard III visited in 1483.

There are also recreated medieval bedchambers and rooms furnished as in the 17th century, when the wealthy Hickman family owned the house.

There is a tower to climb for views.

The Hall was visited in 1541 by Henry VIII with Queen Catherine Howard and look forward to graffiti left by a courtier on that visit.

There is a tea room with inside and outside seating.

There is also an exhibition showing the Hall's links with the Matflower Pilgrims.

WE HAVE BOOKED A TOUR WHICH WILL BE GUIDED BY A PERSON IN PERIOD COSTUME.

Costs: £21.00 for entry and coach

£7.65 concessions or £8.82 non-concessions if using independent travel.

English Heritage members have to pay the entry price for the tour as above. We are on a minimum number of visitors to have the tour which is why this applies.

The coach cost is being subsidised out of group funds.



Our Visit to Woolsthorpe in Pictures



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Outing to Gainsborough Old Hall , 18th JULY 2019

Departing Keyworth from outside the Parochial Church Hall at 12.30 and leaving Gainsborough at 16.30.

Guided tour of the Hall by a guide dressed in period costume with time to do individual exploration and have a drink in the onsite café.

VERY EARLY BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. The Community Bus is not available for this date so we are using a 19-seat mini-coach for which we have to pay in advance.

The coach cost is being subsidised from Group funds to keep the cost as low as possible.

It will be possible to travel by own car but we need advance booking and payment for this.

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BOOKING FORM - AAH – GAINSBOROUGH OLD HALL

PLEASE RESERVE PLACES FOR ME ON THE TOUR

NAMES OF PASSENGERS:

I ENCLOSE PAYMENT BY CASH/CHEQUE AT £.....

Cheques payable to Keyworth & District U3A

COACH AND TOUR COST IS £21.00/

TOUR ONLY (OWN CAR TRAVEL) IS £7.65 FOR CONCESSIONS OR £8.82 IF NOT A CONCESSION.

I/we are English Heritage members. (Please see information on page 2 regarding EH member bookings.

RETURN COMPLETED BOOKING FORM WITH PAYMENT TO HOWARD OR JACKIE FISHER

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