



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

**ARCHITECTURE,
ARCHAEOLOGY AND
HISTORY GROUP**

NEWSLETTER

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Hello,

Please see programme changes below.

Our first outing is the May meeting on the 16th when we will be visiting Woolsthorpe Manor. See over for more information. We have two further outings listed but, so far, no destination has been decided but we will notify you as soon as we can.

For all outings we will need payment before we take a firm booking and 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 or getting lost. We will give you our mobile numbers on the day for similar use.

2019 PROGRAMME

As a result of our discussions at the last meetings and the thought of outings during the warmer months we are looking at suggestions of places to visit, either car share or maybe using the Community bus facility. We will discuss this issue in a little more detail at the April meeting because we do need to know what limits you have on cost and distances we can cover using car share. For example we could arrange a visit and tour of Renishaw Hall. This is a house which is still family occupied and has been in the Sitwell family for 400 years. In addition to the tour, usually by a family member, there are gardens with walks, Courtyard businesses and a nice cafe. We could also arrange a cup of coffee/tea with biscuits on arrival. This would cost £12.50 for the tour, £2.00 for the welcome drink plus travelling costs of c 60 miles round trip. Its a question of how much we want to spend on a visit.

The dates for 2019 meetings are:-

- 18th April probably a dvd of subject interest
- 16th May outing Woolsthorpe Manor by Community Bus.
- 20th June Methodist Church.
- 18th July outing tba
- 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

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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Woolsthorpe Manor Outing 16th May

We have booked the Community bus for this visit leaving the Village Hall car park at 1.00 p.m. The bus holds 15 people so if there are more than this we will need to car share. The cost is £3.00 if you are a NT member. If not NT it will cost £8.50 to enter the Manor in addition to the travel fare.

If you were not at the April meeting and still wish to book a place please contact us urgently because we have to give final numbers in a couple of days. Please don't be put off by there being 16 names already as listed below. Jackie and I are happy to drive so that would free 2 places on the bus and Alan and Pam are also happy to take passengers in their car.

Woolsthorpe Manor looks like a typical Lincolnshire farmhouse – but Hannah Newton's eldest son wasn't interested in the life of a yeoman farmer in the 1600s. Instead Isaac Newton saw the apples fall in the orchard and asked why they always went straight to the ground.

That wasn't all. This farmer's son went first to school and then to Trinity College, Cambridge, and when the plague struck in 1665, came home to Woolsthorpe Manor where he did some of the most revolutionary maths and physics of his age.

The house is small but there's a story of Isaac in every room, from his premature birth to his time as President of the Royal Society. You'll be taken back to the seventeenth century, a time of civil war and experimental science, and discover how both of these affected Isaac Newton and made the work he did echo through the centuries.

Rooms are furnished simply, each one focussing on a different part of Isaac's time at Woolsthorpe. As you walk round we hope you'll be provoked to think about how this complex man saw his early surroundings and grew up to change the world.

In the orchard at Woolsthorpe Manor we are custodians of a very special apple tree. Yes, the very tree from which an apple fell and caused Newton to ask the question: 'Why do apples always fall straight down to the ground?'

The tree first put down roots around 400 years ago. For at least 240 years it has been shown to visitors as Isaac Newton's apple tree.

Here he began to think about why everything always fell down - not sideways, or upwards - and came to the conclusion that there must be a power (now we call it a force) that draws them. 'How far would that power extend?', he thought. 'Why not as far as the moon?'

The story of the apple falling inspiring Newton is a scientific legend, but there are many truths in it. We know he was constantly inspired by the natural world around him. This caused him to question, explore and experiment. Later in life, Newton himself told the story to his biographers, both William Stukeley and John Conduitt, and they recorded it in their writings.

Booked to date are:-

Brdgett Bagshaw, Sue Cannell, Jackie and Howard Fisher, Peter Harding, Chris Hough, Ros Jones, Elvia Pycroft, Anrea Rochelle, Yvonne and Mike Shorten, Peter Simmonds, Wendy Smith, Anne Tombs, Pat White, Colin and Margaret Wright, Florence Yarwood.

Alan and Pam Clarke - independent travel.

We still have seats available on the bus so if you haven't yet booked and would like to come with us please contact us quickly. We are also happy for you to be a friend(s) if you wish.

OUTINGS - 2019

You will see from the programme overleaf that we have listed three outings for this year. May 16th, 18th July and 17th October. We have secured the Community bus for the May and October outings but, unfortunately, it is not available for the July outing which will possibly be by car share although we are seeking an alternative minibus hire for this visit.