

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society Summer Excursions 2018

Booking is essential for all excursions using the booking form attached

Tuesday 22 May

Colchester Castle Museum & Layer Marney Tower with Sarah Gray who welcomes enquiries (01865 662361). <https://cimuseums.org.uk/visit/venues/colchester-castle/> <http://www.layermarneytower.co.uk>



A packed day in Essex. Morning in Colchester at the first castle constructed after the Conquest in the 1070s, on the massive foundations of the Temple of Claudius, built when Colchester was the first Roman capital of Britain. Now the Castle Museum, with superb and Designated archaeology collections. There is an optional guided tour – foundations to roof – at 12 noon for an extra £3. Then after lunch to Layer Marney Tower, the tallest stately Tudor gatehouse in the country, defending the River Blackwater from marauding invaders since the 10c. Henry, Lord Marney built the Tower of diaper brickwork and Italianate terracotta to impress Henry VIII. Two options: a self-led visit @£8 or a 1.5 hour guided tour, 2.30pm, @£14.

Coach will leave Aylesbury 7.45am, Bedgrove 7.55am, Wendover 8.00am, Great Missenden 8.10am and Amersham 8.20am. Expected return times: Amersham 6.00pm and Aylesbury 6.35pm.

The **cost of the day will be £33.00** to include the coach fare, driver's tip, entrance ticket to Castle Museum + afternoon coffee/tea, cake.

Saturday 9 June

Painshill Park, a joint trip with the Bucks Garden Trust

**** see separate details and booking page****

Saturday 4 August

Dorton Spa with Diana and Peter Gulland who welcome enquiries (01844 291154). No charge, no need to book.



A guided visit to the site of Dorton Spa near Brill. Peter and Diana Gulland will lead a short walk to view what remains of this highly unsuccessful 1830s project to create a spa town in a remote part of the Bucks countryside. They will tell its story and point out some of the pitfalls that its promoters faced.

Meet in time for a 2pm start at Ashfold School, Dorton, HP18 9NG. Enter the school grounds via the southern (Chilton end) entrance (grid ref. SP 680 135), follow the access drive and turn right in front of the main school buildings on to a marked-out parking area. The walk will start from this parking area.

The walk will be 2.5 miles long at an easy pace on uneven ground (part rough grass, part concrete track) and crosses two stiles; appropriate shoes essential. It will end at approximately 4.30pm.

Tuesday 21 August

Ham House and Strawberry Hill House with Sarah Gray who welcomes enquiries (01865 662361).

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ham-house-and-garden> <http://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/the-house/history/>



A day among great Thames-side houses and gardens in Richmond and Twickenham. First a morning at Ham House, built and lavishly decorated by the Murray family, courtiers to both Charles I and II. We will have time for coffee on arrival before a house tour at 10.45am. Admission to house and garden is free for NT members and £9.40 for non-members. Free time and lunch at Ham before an afternoon at Strawberry Hill House, a complete contrast in style: the Gothic treasure-house of Horace Walpole, designed after 1747 by his friends, 'the Committee of Taste'. A Landscape tour at 2pm, 75minutes and then an optional self-guided visit to the House, £12.50 or £6.25 Art Fund members, before setting off at 4.30pm.

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The **cost of the day will be £39.00** to include the coach fare, driver's tip, 1 hour house tour at Ham House and 75 minute Landscape tour at Strawberry Hill House.

Saturday 22 September

The Church Crawl with Michael Hardy who welcomes enquiries a little later in the season (01844 343560).

We will explore an area to the South this time, in the Misbourne Valley.



Coach will leave Aylesbury 8.45am, Bedgrove 8.55am, Wendover 9.05am, Great Missenden 9.15am, Amersham 9.25am. Expected return times: Amersham 5.30pm, Aylesbury 6.00pm.

The **coach fare will be £22.00**, including donations to churches and driver's tip.

Saturday 13 October

Leighton House Museum and 18 Stafford Terrace, Kensington with Sarah Gray who welcomes enquiries (01865 662361). <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums/leightonhousemuseum1.aspx>



Leighton House Museum, 'where East meets West' is the former home of the Victorian artist Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830-1896). The only purpose-built studio-house open to the public in the United Kingdom, it is one of the most remarkable buildings of the nineteenth century, containing a fascinating collection of paintings and sculpture by Leighton and his contemporaries. From 1875, nearby 18 Stafford Terrace was the home of **Punch** cartoonist Edward Linley Sambourne, his wife Marion, their two children and their live-in servants. The house gives an insight into the personal lives of the Sambourne family, and also provides a rare example of what was known as an 'Aesthetic interior'

