



Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society Summer Excursions 2017

Booking is essential for all excursions using the booking form attached.

Saturday 13 May

Compton Verney House & Park with Sarah Gray who welcomes enquiries (01865 662361).



A day at **Compton Verney** in Warwickshire, an art gallery housed in a Grade 1 listed mansion set in 120 acres of parkland landscaped by 'Capability' Brown in 1772. As well as 6 art collections – from British Portraits to Folk Art and 16c and 17c Northern European works – the special exhibition is *Creating the Countryside 1600-2017: Thomas Gainsborough to Today*, artists' responses to rural life and landscape. Much to enjoy also in the Park, from Brown's planting and lake to ancient trees, a bird hide and a wildlife wilderness.

Coffee will be available on arrival @ £2.95 (please pre-book) followed by an hour's introductory tour at 11.15am. Then free time in the collection, the park and the *Countryside* exhibition until we set off at 4.30pm. There are both a café and restaurant on site.

Coach will leave Amersham 8.45am, Great Missenden 8.55am, Wendover 9.05am, Bedgrove 9.10am and Aylesbury 9.20am. Expected return times: Aylesbury 5.45pm, Amersham 6.20pm.

The **cost of the day will be £31.00** to include the coach fare, driver's tip, welcome tour + entrance ticket to house, park and exhibition.

Saturday 10 June- numbers limited to 30 as space is limited in Addington House Addington, Winslow and Steeple Claydon with Julian Hunt who welcomes enquiries (01296 714634).

To **Addington** first to visit Addington House, formerly belonging to J.G. Hubbard, 1st Lord Addington, now owned by Pat Sturgess, where coffee may be available. We then go into Addington Church where we will meet David Critchley, a BAS member and expert on the church. Then on to Seven Gables, the home of the last Lord Addington and at 1pm to **Winslow** for lunch. At 2.30pm we will leave Winslow to visit **Kingsbridge Farm** and its gardens in **Steeple Claydon**, another Hubbard House, where owner Serena Aldous will be our guide and provide tea and cake.



Coach will leave Amersham 9.45am, Great Missenden 9.55am, Wendover 10.05am, Bedgrove 10.10am and Aylesbury 10.20am. Expected return times: Aylesbury 5.15pm, Amersham 5.50pm.

The **cost of the day will be £30.00** to include the coach fare, driver's tip, admission to Kingsbridge Farm, tea and cake.

Saturday 24 June- numbers limited to 30 for the Oxford walks

Early and Medieval Oxford with Sarah Gray who welcomes enquiries (01865 662361).

As a follow-up to the lecture by Ben Ford on *Recent Discoveries at the Westgate, Oxford*, two walks, morning and afternoon, led by David Radford, formerly of Bucks and now Oxford City Archaeologist, and by Julian Munby, Head of Buildings Archaeology at Oxford Archaeology. Our coach will take us to St Giles to meet David Radford for a walk around traces of the city before 1100AD including the Westgate area. Then to meet Julian Munby in Pizza Express, possibly for lunch but definitely to view the Painted Room, on the site of the Crown Tavern. Julian will take us around later medieval Oxford – city walls, churches and colleges. And finally, free time before we set off from St Giles at 4.30pm. 2-3 hours' walking around Oxford but in central locations where it is easy to peel off for refreshment, museums or shops.

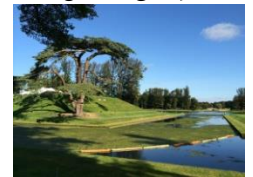
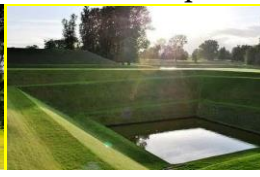
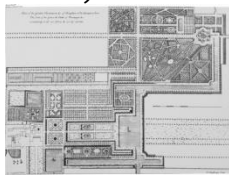


Coach will leave Amersham 8.30am, Great Missenden 8.40am, Wendover 8.50am, Bedgrove 8.55am and Aylesbury 9.05am. Expected return times: Aylesbury 5.30pm, Amersham 6.00pm.

The **cost of the day will be £14.00** to include the coach fare, walks and driver's tip.

Friday 21 July

Boughton House, Northants with Sarah Gray who welcomes enquiries (01865 662361).



First, coffee and home made biscuits on arrival at 10.30am, followed by the guided 2 hour-long 'King's Tour' of 20 rooms of Boughton House (Grade I listed), whose transformation by Ralph Montagu from a 'large but rambling house' to its current form began in 1685, drawing its inspiration from the Palace of Versailles. Then between 1 and 2pm, a break for lunch, either your own picnic or (pre-booked) home made sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee @ £12.00.

At 2pm, a tour of the gardens and park with Brian Dix, consultant archaeologist, who has been working for the Duke of Buccleuch for the last few years and also involved in re-constructing the *Grand Etang* (small lake!) the centre-piece of which is a 75ft *jet d'eau*. Brian has also undertaken other archaeological work around the site and is now overseeing the restoration of the bastion to re-establish the vantage viewpoints out to the rides and park. There will also be an opportunity to see Kim Wilkie's *Orpheus* – a 21st-century water feature commissioned by the Duke for the empty space opposite the mount. The gardens of Boughton House retain extensive remains of formal layouts dating from the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Rides and avenues extend far out into the surrounding countryside, set within the deer park of late medieval origins.

Then on with our coach to the Grade 1 listed St Edmund's Church, Warkton, on the Boughton estate. The current church dates largely from the 15th century, with the notable exception of the 18th century chancel, commissioned by Mary Churchill, wife of John, 2nd Duke of Montagu, and designed by Louis François Roubiliac. The chancel was designed to house grand funerary monuments to the Duke and his family which have recently been restored.

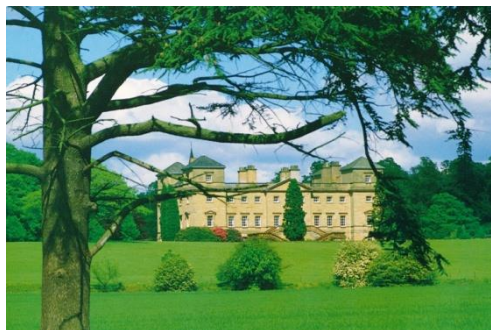
Coach will leave Amersham 8.15am, Great Missenden 8.25am, Wendover 8.35am, Bedgrove 8.40am and Aylesbury 8.50am. Expected return times: Aylesbury 6.00pm, Amersham 6.30pm.

The **cost of the day will be £36.00** to include the coach fare, driver's tip, coffee on arrival + house and gardens tours. Lunch is optional and may be pre-booked @ £12.00.

Saturday 19 August- a joint trip with the Bucks Gardens Trust. Numbers limited to 30 so that we can hear on outdoor garden tours

Hanbury and Hagley, contrasting Worcestershire gardens with Julian Hunt who welcomes enquiries (01296 714634).

We aim to arrive at Hanbury Hall (National Trust) in time for coffee before an 11.00am guided tour of the newly restored formal gardens by the head gardener Neil Cook. After lunch and free time at Hanbury, we will get to Hagley Hall for 2.00pm. There we will be given a tour of the landscape garden by the head gardener Joe Hawkins. **Stout footwear required at Hagley and quite a long walk.** After tea at 4.00pm we aim to leave at 4.45pm.



Coach will leave Amersham 8.30am, Great Missenden 8.40am, Wendover 8.50am, Bedgrove 8.55am and Aylesbury 9.05am. Expected return times: Aylesbury 6.25pm, Amersham 7.00pm.

The **cost of the day will be £35.00** to include the coach fare, driver's tip, admission to Hagley Hall and tea. National Trust members must bring their membership cards for free admission to Hanbury Hall. For non-members, the admission charge will be £7.27 Garden & Park only or £10.90 to include the House.

Saturday 23 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.



To receive a detailed itinerary, please send a stamped addressed envelope with the booking form or supply an email address. Please note that the itinerary will not be available until shortly before the Crawl.

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 £20.00, including donations to churches and driver's tip.

Location of picking up and dropping off points for the coaches for all excursions:

- **Old Amersham** High Street, wait outside Elmodesham House
- **Great Missenden** Link Road, beside car park
- **Wendover** War memorial, High Street
- **Bedgrove** On the main Wendover Road, the junction with Camborne Avenue, at the bus stop nearer to Aylesbury
- **Aylesbury** Walton Street facing the Lending Library

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Booking Form

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Number of people @ £31 Morning coffee @ £2.95.....

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Addington & the Hubbards

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Early & Medieval Oxford

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Boughton House

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Hanbury Hall & Hagley Hall

Number of people @ £35 Number of NT members.....

I/we will join the coach at

Saturday 23 September

Church Crawl

Number of people @ £20.....

I/we will join the coach at

I would like a detailed itinerary for the church crawl and either include a stamped addressed envelope OR please email to:

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Name

Address

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Email

Contact telephone landline

Contact telephone mobile (which may be useful on the day)

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I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Bucks Archaeological Society

Please return to: Summer Excursions, Bucks Archaeological Society, County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2QP