

CAMBRIDGE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

EXCURSIONS PROGRAMME 2011

Higham Ferrers, Earl's Barton and Aldwinckle: Tuesday 24 May

An opportunity to explore some of Northamptonshire's most interesting churches under the expert guidance of the Revd Dr Lynne Broughton. Our first stop will, however, be in the former Huntingdonshire at St Andrew, Great Staughton, a mainly 14c/15c church with an outstanding collection of post-Reformation funerary monuments.

At Higham Ferrers three buildings share the churchyard: St Mary the Virgin, the Chantry Chapel (almost a miniature version of King's College Chapel) and the Bede House, founded by Thomas Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury 1414-43 (and a local boy) as a hospital for 12 old men. Although on the fringe of the shoe-making and iron-working area of Northants, Higham Ferrers largely escaped industrialisation and is a fine stone-built town; apart from the church, its other outstanding building is Chichele College (1425), also founded by the Archbishop for a Master, four clerks and six choristers. In later centuries it became a farmstead, but now belongs to English Heritage: the grounds are open to the public.

After lunch (there are several eating places and a good baker's in the town) we shall visit All Saints, Earl's Barton, with its well-known Anglo-Saxon tower and Norman nave, before finishing the tour with the two churches at Aldwinckle: St Peter (Early English) and All Saints (Perp exterior, but earlier interior); John Dryden was born in the Parsonage opposite the latter in 1631.

Cost: £20.00

Depart Cambridge (Trumpington Park & Ride) 10.00
Return to Cambridge by 18.30

Closing date for applications: 17 May

Melbourn: Wednesday 15 June

Continuing our explorations of Cambridgeshire villages, this is an afternoon walk led by Mr Colin Limming, Chairman of the Melbourn Village History Society. Now thankfully by-passed, the village has always been one of the largest in the south of the county in terms of population and in the 19th century one of the most overcrowded: in 1851 all but 30 of its 200 houses were in multi-family occupation. It has a complex layout and a very varied collection of domestic and religious buildings, the latter reflecting its Protestant nonconformity from the 17c onwards, as the centre of what the late John Saltmarsh dubbed the 'South Cambridgeshire Bible Belt'. Tea and biscuits (for which donations will be invited on the day) will be provided at the end of walk.

Cost: £4.00

Meet at All Saints' church car park at 14.15 (or as soon thereafter as possible) following arrival of Stagecoach service 26 bus departing Cambridge Drummer Street at 13.40 and arriving Melbourn 14.11 (correct at the time of writing: but check nearer the time!)

Closing date for applications: 8 June.

Please note that due to the very narrow pavements in parts of the village, the party will be limited to 20 participants.

King's Lynn: Wednesday 14 September

An exploration of part of the historic core of Lynn, led by Dr Paul Richards, the foremost authority on the town's history. Centred on the Queen Street area, we shall look at the wealth of evidence for the town's medieval and early modern trading importance (including

the Hanseatic Steelyard of 1475, Thoresby College of c.1510 and Hampton Court, a 14-16c mercantile complex. We shall also visit two buildings not normally accessible to the general public: the Guildhall (the earliest parts are 15c) and Clifton House (outwardly Georgian, but contains 13c work and a five-storey tower), now the home of Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage.

Cost: £8.00

Meet outside the Guildhall, Saturday Market Place at 11.00 (following arrival of 09.35 train from Cambridge, due Lynn 10.21). There will be a lunch break at 12.30 approx. There are several cafes and restaurants in the area; the Green Quay (the 'Wash Discovery Centre'), a 14c warehouse on the riverfront, does good light lunches.

Please note that due to space limitations at Clifton House places on this Excursion are limited to 20, so early application is advisable. In the event of over-subscription, it may be possible to arrange a repeat of this visit in Spring 2012.

Closing date for applications: 7 September

Hertford and Much Hadham: Thursday 29 September

In spite of (or perhaps because of) its proximity to London, Hertford is probably one of England's least-known county towns. So this Excursion gives members an opportunity to explore its largely Georgian/Victorian town centre, led by a Town Guide. The walk will include a visit to the Grade I listed Hertford Castle, which is not normally open to the public.

After the tour there will be opportunity to take lunch, before going on to Much Hadham, where we shall be welcomed at St Andrew's church by the Revd Chris Boulton, Rector of Much Hadham and Rural Dean of Bishop's Stortford. There will be time to walk around the attractive village ('visually the most successful in the county', according to Pevsner) with its mixture of vernacular and polite architecture, including some fine Edwardian houses, before taking tea at the Rural Museum and Forge (included in the price of the Excursion).

Please note that the walking tour of Hertford is limited to 25 participants (first-come, first-served!). Late applicants will be welcome to join the Excursion, on the understanding that they may have to explore the town under their own steam (the TIC produces an informative leaflet).

Closing date for applications: 22 September

Cost: £25.00

Depart Cambridge (Trumpington Park & Ride) 10.00
Return to Cambridge by 18.00

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BOOKING FORM

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Please reserve me/us a place/places on the following Excursions

	Places	Amount (£)
Higham Ferrers, Tuesday 24 May @ £20.00
Melbourn, Wednesday 15 June @£4.00
King's Lynn , Wednesday 14 September @ £8.00
Hertford/Much Hadham, Thursday 29 September @ £25.00
	TOTAL

Cheques should be crossed and made payable to 'Cambridge Antiquarian Society'.

If you wish to stagger your bookings, please photocopy the form and return it by the appropriate deadline: but note that numbers are limited on some Excursions and no guarantee can be given that places will still be available for late-comers

Please note that tickets will not be issued. If you wish to receive confirmation of your booking, please enclose an SAE with your booking form. If you would like confirmation by e-mail, please tick here.....

The Society reserves the right to cancel any Excursion in the event of an insufficient number of bookings.