

## **SUMMER EXCURSIONS 1999**

### **EXCURSION TITLE: CHEPSTOW AND LYDNEY**

EXCURSION LEADER: Pat Briley

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS: Glebe Cottage, Paulton Lane, Camerton, Bath, BA3 1PY 01761 472756

DATE OF EXCURSION: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1999

#### **SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):**

A tour of Chepstow Castle, and possible quick visit to the Museum opposite. Chepstow Castle is one of the few castles in Britain that traces evolution of military architecture from 1066 to 1690; the period of the castle's useful life as a form of defence. Then after lunch, to Lydney Park Estate to see the Iron Age Hill Fort and the Roman Temple (excavated in 1928-29 by Dr and Mrs R.E.M. Wheeler). The sites are on the Lydney Park Estate. We will also have an opportunity to view both the private museum, in Lydney Park house, and the Gardens that should be magnificent in late April. Special cream teas can be ordered (by prior arrangement and a minimum of 25 people booking) to be served in the "Dining room of the Mansion".

IS THERE A GUIDE? Yes for both Chepstow and Lydney visits.

SHOULD I BRING MY OWN LUNCH? It's up to you! The tour of the Castle should finish by 12 noon leaving free time in the town.

TRANSPORT: A coach will depart from 21, Wellow Mead, Peasedown St John (Jayne Lawes's house) at 8.30a.m. and there will be a second pick-up point at Bath Coach Station at 9.a.m.

WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET IF I AM MAKING MY OWN WAY? This is an organised trip only- People are not expected to make their own way.

WHAT TIME IS IT LIKELY TO END? The coach will leave Lydney Park Estate at approximately 5pm.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? £13.45 per head which includes B&CAS transport, entrance fees (except the optional Chepstow Museum) and Guides. If you want the Special cream tea as well the price is £15.95.

CHEQUES TO: Pat Briley (cheques made payable to B&CAS)- To be paid as soon as possible on a first come first served basis. The trip is limited to 29 people.

## **EXCURSION TITLE: DORCHESTER AND MAIDEN CASTLE**

**EXCURSION LEADER:** Mary Huntley

**CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS:** Lavender Cottage, 364, Frome Road, Trowbridge. BA14 0EF 01225 776395

**DATE OF EXCURSION:** Saturday 15, May 1999

**SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):**

A visit to the old Roman town of Dorchester and the spectacular Iron Age Hill Fort of Maiden Castle. We will visit first the excellent museum in Dorchester, followed by some free time to look around. A visit to the recently restored Roman Town House is recommended, as is the Tutankhamen exhibition.

After lunch we travel by coach to at 2pm to Maiden Castle. In AD 44 the Second Legion under Vespasian attacked the Hill Fort and left a trail of carnage and destruction at the east gate. Bodies of defenders and many thousands of sling stones were found during excavation.

**IS THERE A GUIDE?** Yes: - At Dorchester at 11am we will receive a short talk by Peter Woodward who is the Deputy Curator of the Dorchester museum. Peter Woodward will be our guide again at Maiden Castle at 2.30pm.

**SHOULD I BRING MY OWN LUNCH?** If you wish. Lunchtime will be in Dorchester where there are opportunities to buy food.

**TRANSPORT:**

**DETAILS OF B&CAS TRANSPORT:** A coach is available with the following pick up points and times:

8.15am-Bath Coach Station

8.45am-21 Wellow Mead, Peasedown St John

**WHAT TIME IS IT LIKELY TO END?** 5pm leave Maiden Castle

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?** £9 **TO:** Mary Huntley (CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO B&CAS) N.B. The entrance to the Museum is to be paid individually. It is £2.00 for Senior Citizens and £3.00 for others.

**TO BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. WE ARE LIMITED TO 29 PEOPLE SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT.**

## EXCURSION TITLE: HINTON CHARTERHOUSE

EXCURSION LEADER: Isla Tuck

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01225 722372

DATE OF EXCURSION: Tuesday evening 25<sup>th</sup> May 1999

SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):

A walk and talk by Isla Tuck around this ancient village which was owned for 300 years by the nearby Carthusian Priory. The cottages range from 15<sup>th</sup> century to about 1830 in date. The Church of St John has Saxon origins and with Norman architecture in evidence. Hear the story of the Carthusians and visit the old Priory sites.

We will finish with a cup of coffee or tea at the church or a pint of real ale at the local hostelry- or both!

TIME: We meet at 7.30pm at the Church after making our own way there.

The walk will take approximately one and a half hours over fairly flat terrain.

COST: There is no charge but a voluntary donation to the Church would be welcomed.

## **EXCURSION TITLE: STONEHENGE**

**EXCURSION LEADER:** Ken Appleby

**CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS:** 81, Audley Park Road,  
Weston Bath. BA1 2XN. 01225 314624

**DATE OF EXCURSION:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1999

**SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):**

Visit Stonehenge (where we will make an ordinary visitors tour of the stones) and afterwards enjoy a lovely circular walk where we can view the Stones, in their dramatic landscape setting. Also we can visit other sites close by. We will see the Normanton Barrows to the south, the most famous linear cemetery of Bronze Age Britain. To the north are the Cursus and other barrow cemeteries.

It goes without saying the scenery is magnificent!

The circular walk is 4 miles and adequate clothing and footwear is essential. The walk starts and finishes at the coach park.

**SHOULD I BRING MY OWN LUNCH?** Yes, there are no pubs close by. A packed lunch is recommended but it is possible to purchase hot and cold snacks in the Car Park centre including the famous "Megalithic roll"- which you will be relieved to hear is not made of stone like its namesake, after our visit to the stones and before we embark on the walk.

**WHERE IS IT?** Starts at the Car Park Centre at Stonehenge at approx 10 am

**TRANSPORT:**

By Coach, with the following pick up points and times:

8.00am- 21, Wellow Mead, Peasedown St John

8.30am- Bath Coach Station

**WHAT TIME IS IT LIKELY TO END?** Coach collects us at the end of the walk departing from Stonehenge at 5.15pm

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?** Coach is £7, with cheques to Ken Appleby (CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO B&CAS) The entrance fees to Stonehenge can be paid on the day on an individual basis. The current entrance price is £3.90 full, £3 children and £2.90 Senior Citizens. Members of English Heritage and National Trust get in free.

**AGAIN WE ARE RESTRICTED IN NUMBERS TO 29 SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

## **EXCURSION TITLE: NEWTON PARK AND NEWTON ST LOE VILLAGE:**

EXCURSION LEADER: Ken Appleby.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS: see Stonehenge

DATE OF EXCURSION: Monday evening 21st June 1999

SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):

Visit the lovely Newton Park with the Georgian Mansion House and lake designed by Capability Brown. The Park is now part of the campus of Bath Spa University College. There is also a "Castle" complete with dungeon and a 15<sup>th</sup> century gatehouse. This was part of the mediaeval fortified manor house and has been much altered over the years.

We finish with a fairly flat walk around the pretty Newton St Loe village with its fine Church and 1698 Free School which is now all part of Duchy of Cornwall land.

Dr Graham Davis, a lecturer at Newton College, is our guide for this evening. He is an interesting and well-known lecturer on the Bath circuit.

We meet at 7.30pm in front of the Mansion House where there is plenty of parking. at Bath Spa University College.

To find the college take the Bristol A4 road from Bath, after approx. 2 miles at the Globe inn roundabout, take the first left exit past the pub signposted to Corston, Marksbury and Weston Super Mare and then after 50 yards, turn left into the drive of the college, and follow the drive for one mile to the house.

The tour will take approx. 2 hours and there will be a charge of £2 each, to be collected on the night.

## EXCURSION TITLE: WELLOW

EXCURSION LEADER: Ken Appleby

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS: As for Stonehenge and Newton

DATE OF EXCURSION: Tuesday evening 6<sup>th</sup> July 1999

SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):

A walk and talk by Gordon Hewlett:

Visit this attractive greystone type Cotswold village with its lovely Church of St Julian, rebuilt in 1372. The village architecture, which ranges from 15<sup>th</sup> century to Georgian, includes a mediaeval packhorse bridge. See the site of the old station and hear the sad saga of the signal boy and the rail disaster. Also visit the two ends of the mysterious Wellow tunnel (the north end was recently uncovered), and hear the story of the canal.

There is also an ancient pub that is highly recommended, with an old slab floor, which dispenses real ale.

Make your own way there and we will meet at 7.30pm at the car park opposite the Village hall.

The tour will take approx. one and half-hours. The terrain is slightly hilly.

There is no cost but a voluntary collection for the Church would be appreciated.

## EXCURSION TITLE: BRADFORD ON AVON

EXCURSION LEADER: Ken Appleby

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS: See Stonehenge

DATE OF EXCURSION: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1999

SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):

This is a guided tour by the Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust. This fascinating little town with its Saxon Church and Tithe Barn and its mediaeval to Regency architecture must surely be the “star turn” of our shorter excursions.

Hear about the families and Woollen mills that made this town so famous.

We meet at 2.15pm outside the Health Centre near the Railway Station. Cars can be parked at the Station. Please make your own way there.

The tour will take approx. two hours.

There is a cost of £2.50 each to be collected on the day that goes to the Preservation Trust.

The walk is fairly flat and the one uphill climb can be avoided by those wishing to do so.

## **EXCURSION TITLE: LANGRIDGE & LANSDOWN**

**EXCURSION LEADER:** John Oswin in the morning at Langridge and Ken Appleby in the afternoon on Lansdown.

**CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS:** See Stonehenge

**DATE OF EXCURSION:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1999

### **SUMMARY OF EXCURSION (FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE EXCURSION LEADER):**

Your invitation to Langridge from John Oswin

Coming from the hamlet of Lansdown, down the narrow lane from the Blathwayte Arms, you first pass through Upper Langridge, with its cottages, schoolhouse, Victorian rectory and Upper Farm. Then nothing apparently, but fields and a glorious valley view. Continuing further down, you see a farmstead and it is as you come to it that you find the real delight of Langridge - the little group of Court Farm and the church. Do not look further for a village - you are in it. It is just the scatter of buildings on this spur and the next, and by the stream. There is no ordered or planned settlement like neighbouring Woolley. Court Farm and the Church are both fascinating buildings. The church is Norman and beneath the East Wing of Court Farm are probably the remains of a building of similar age. The West Wing is a fine example of a mediaeval cross-wing with its fourteenth century transomed window. But what of the strange tower next to it?

As well as the buildings, enjoy the superb scenery and the sense of complete seclusion. It is difficult to imagine that you are less than five miles from the centre of busy Bath!

Find out more on the 11 September.

### **Lansdown**

Ken Appleby challenges you : "Where in one square mile do you get the following?"

NEOLITHIC ENCLOSURE  
BRONZE AGE BARROWS  
IRON AGE HILL FORT



ROMANO BRITISH SETTLEMENT  
1643 CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD  
PLUS NO LESS THAN 7 MAGNIFICENT VIEWS AND WAIT FOR IT!  
"A PUB IN THE MIDDLE"

All this at Lansdown 2 miles north of Bath.

IS THERE A GUIDE? Yes John and Ken

SHOULD I BRING MY OWN LUNCH? Yes or pub lunch will be possible.

TRANSPORT: No B&CAS transport arranged.

WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET?

10.30 a.m. Meet at Blathwayte Arms Car Park

Lansdown Road runs from the traffic lights at the Paragon, Bath and is the road to Wick.

Proceed up Lansdown Hill for 2 miles, the pub is on the left next to the golf course and racecourse.

For the morning trip to Langridge due to restricted parking we will share cars for the one-mile journey, the other cars can be left on the pub car park all day.

2.15 p.m. Lansdown walk and talk from pub car park. A fairly flat three-mile walk which will take approximately two and a half hours, with spectacular scenery and interesting sites.

There is no cost for this trip.