

## **EXCURSIONS 2001**

### **Worlebury Hill Fort and Museum at Weston-super-Mare Saturday 28 April**

#### **Excursion leader**

Pat Briley, Glebe Cottage, Camerton, Bath BA3 1PY. Telephone [01761] 472756

#### **Summary of excursion**

We meet at the Time Machine Museum [formerly the Woodspring Museum] in Burlington Street, Weston super Mare at 11am. The Museum features local archaeology and natural history as well as other local history. There will then be free time until 2pm; a chance to walk along the promenade, visit the Heritage Centre in Wadham Street, find a hostelry for lunch, or whatever appeals.

At 2pm meet at the fishpond in Prince Consort Gardens opposite the Royal Pier Hotel, near the old Birnbeck Pier. There will be a guided tour of the Worlebury Hill Fort by Chris Richards [following on from the lecture on 14 December 2000]. Warning - there is some steep climbing up to the hill fort. This is a fascinating venue with some intriguing history.

#### **Transport**

By Mini-bus. We will run a mini-bus - total 15 passengers. Send a cheque to Pat Briley to book a place on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you are making your own way there the multi-storey car park in the town centre is convenient, but there are several other car parks within easy walking distance of the museum.

Pick up times for the mini-bus are as follows:

8.30am	21 Wellow Mead, Peasedown St John
9.00am	Avon Street Coach Park, Bath

#### **Cost**

Mini-bus £7 per head. Individual payments on the day: Museum [party rates] Adults £1.95, Seniors £1.30, Children £1.00, Tour of the hill fort approximately £2.00 per head [depending on numbers].

Please send your cheque for the mini-bus, made out to the Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society, to Pat, or let her know if you intend to make your own way to Weston super Mare at least one week beforehand. The Museum requires to know the number attending in advance of the visit.

Devizes

Tuesday evening 22nd May

Excursion leader

Ken Appleby, 81 Audley Park Road, Bath BA1 2XN. Telephone [012251314624

**Summary of excursion**

A town walk and talk by Lorna Haycock. Lorna is the Devizes Museum librarian.

**Devizes** is a fine old mediaeval town which sounds a bit French and it is. It has a **castle and** market founded shortly after the Norman Conquest. It also has a splendid **Norman** church with the present street pattern following the lines of the inner and **outer** baileys of the castle.

**If that's** not enough there is also the splendid North gate brewery [and its product].

**Transport**

**No** transport arranged, please make your own way there, if you require a lift ring Ken Appleby.

**Meet** outside the Museum, 41 Long Street at 7.15pm. After passing through the **Market** Place the museum is on the right. The walk will take approximately 1.75 **hours**. A collection will be made of £2 per head to cover the guide fee.

**IMPORTANT. DUE TO NARROW STREETS WE ARE RESTRICTED TO 25 PEOPLE ONLY.**

*Please complete the attached form if you wish to come and send to Ken Appleby.*

## **Bath City Defences**

**Tuesday evening 12th June**

### **Excursion Leader**

Ken Appleby, 81 Audley Park Road, Bath BA1 2XN. Telephone [01225]314624

### **Summary of excursion**

Walk and talk with Marek Lewcun following the old city wall route and its surrounding archaeology.

Marek is an archaeologist working for Bath Archaeological Trust and has been involved in many major excavations in the city in recent years. This promises to be a most interesting evening.

### **Transport**

Please make your own way there. There are plenty of car parks with Kingsmead being the closest. Ring Ken Appleby if you need a lift.

Meet at 7.15pm outside the Mineral Water Hospital in Upper Borough Walls.

A collection of £1 per head will be made during the evening to cover the guide's fee. Tour will last approximately 1.75 hours.

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## **Wells Town Walk**

**Tuesday evening 10th July**

### **Excursion Leader**

**Ken Appleby**, 81 Audley Park Road, Bath BA1 2XN. Telephone [012251314624

### **Summary of excursion**

**A guided tour** of the town and a visit to the Museum with Jim Hanwell. Jim is a well **known local** geologist with a considerable interest in archaeology. He is also a trustee **of the museum**.

**You will** hear about the springs and the mediaeval water courses of the old city.

**The front** of the cathedral is a wonderful sight but the town has so much more as well, **Vicars Close**, The Bishops palace, St Cuthberts church and many other interesting **buildings**. Then finish up with a private visit to the splendid Wells museum.

### **Transport**

**Please** make your own way there. There are several car parks, Union Street, South **Street**. You may be able to park outside the museum in Cathedral Green. Give **ken Appleby** a ring if you need a lift. Length of tour about 2 hours and it is flat.

A collection of £1 per head will be made on the evening.

## **Somerset Coal Canal**

**Tuesday evening 31st July**

### **Excursion Leader**

Ken Appleby, 81 Audley Park Road, Bath BAI 2XN. Telephone [01225]314624

### **Summary of excursion**

Tour of the Combe Hay locks and talk by Adrian Tuddenham.

The caisson lock was an invention far ahead of its time. It required a huge chamber and tunnel in which the loaded barge descended under water [it was described by the Bath Chronicle as the greatest discovery of the present age].

The Prince of Wales and his top-hatted entourage gathered at the caisson at Combe Hay on 22nd April 1799 where they marvelled at what they saw. His Royal Highness, being a wise man, declined an invitation to descend in it himself

In spite of much searching in recent years the site of the lock has not been located but we will no doubt see the latest area of interest.

Adrian will take us on a tour of the locks and the current excavations and will tell us the fascinating story.

This is a very pretty scenic round tour lasting approximately 2 hours with some up hill walking involved.

### **Transport**

Make you own way there, ring Ken Appleby if you need a lift.

Turn into Combe Hay village from the Wellow Road and park on the road near the church at 7.15pm. We will walk through the village to Lock 1.

There will be a collection of £1 per head towards the Canal Society.

## **Portchester Castle and Fort Nelson**

**Saturday 1st September**

### **Excursion Leader**

Mary Huntley, Lavender Cottage, 364 Frome Road, Trowbridge BA14 OEF.  
Telephone [01225]776395

### **Summary of excursion**

The Castle has defended Portsmouth harbour for nearly 2000 years. Built by the Romans in the 3rd Century and boasts the most complete defensive wall in Europe. Henry V rallied his troops en-route to Agincourt at this very location. Within the wall also lie the ruins of Richard II's Palace and during the Napoleonic Wars more than 4000 French prisoners were held in the keep.

Next we will visit the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson. The collection of artillery was originally displayed in the Tower of London. The varied collection is from the Boxter Bombard of about 1450 to the 1990 Iraqi "Supergun". The guns represent warfare over 6 centuries from all corners of the world. There are daily firings and displays within the fort.

### **Transport**

By coach with the following pick-up times:

8.00am	21 Wellow Mead, Peasedown St John
8.30am	Avon Street Coach Park, Bath

Arrive Porchester 10.15am for the tour between 10.30 and 1.00 with lunch [at the Gourment, or a picnic] between 1.00 and 2.15 [there is a pub nearby].

2.15 coach to Fort Nelson, departing from Fort Nelson at 5.00pm.

### **Cost**

Coach £10 per person. Individual payments on the day: Porchester - Adults £3.00, Concessionaires £2.30, Fort Nelson - Adults £3.45, Senior Citizens and Students free.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SEAT BY COMPLETING THE ATTACHED BOOKING FORM AND SEND WITH YOUR CHEQUE FOR £10 TO MARY BY SAT 18th AUGUST LATEST

*We need two weeks notice if we have to make any adjustments to the transport.*

## **Winchester**

**Saturday 29th September**

### **Excursion Leader**

Mary Huntley, Lavender Cottage, 364 Frome Road, Trowbridge BA14 OEF.  
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### **Summary of excursion**

Building started at Winchester Cathedral in 1079, some of the original Norman work can be seen in the transepts and crypt. It has the longest mediaeval nave in Europe, the mortuary chests of King Canute, Jane Austen's tomb and the Winchester Bible. Also hear how William Walker saved the Cathedral in 1906.

There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral and crypt at 12.00 pm, lasting approximately 1-1.5 hours. You can visit the library, Triforium, Tower, Close, Winchester College and the house where Jane Austen died at leisure. Then enjoy lunch in the vast selection of pubs and restaurants or a secluded spot for a picnic.

There will be time to explore this historic city, take a map and a guide and plan your own afternoon of sight-seeing, all within easy walking distance. You are absolutely spoilt for choice: Five regimental museums, the City Museum, the mediaeval ruins of Wolvesey Castle, the Hospital of St Cross, which provides the visitor with the traditional Wayfarer's Dole, the Great Hall where, allegedly, King Arthur's Round Table hangs. The Tourist Information Centre has self-guided walks including Keat's Walk and the popular Sunset Walk or otherwise arrange to join a guided tour. Gardens to visit are Dean Gamier's Garden, Abbey House and Queen Eleanor's Garden. Step back in time and visit the most photographed scene in the city, Cheyney Court.

### **Transport**

By coach with the following pick-up times:

8.00 am        21 Wellow Mead, Peasedown St John

8.30 am        Avon Street Coach Park, Bath

The coach will depart Winchester at 5.00 pm

### **Cost**

Coach £10 per person. Individual payments on the day: Cathedral/crypt - Adults £3.50, Concessionaires £3.00.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SEAT BY COMPLETING THE ATTACHED BOOKING FORM AND SEND WITH YOUR CHEQUE FOR £10 TO MARY BY SAT 10th SEPTEMBER

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