

## **Excursion No 1 Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 : 11am**

### **Bradford on Avon Town Walk**

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### **Summary**

A Sunday morning stroll around Bradford on Avon led by Ivor Slocombe, a local historian of note having published widely on the subject. The walk will last about an hour and a half but will be restricted to 20 people, the streets are mostly narrow and more bodies would be difficult to manage.

The tour takes in the architecture of the town ranging from weavers' cottages to the 18<sup>th</sup> century houses of the rich clothiers. Other features include the Saxon Church, medieval bridges and lock up, Barton Farm and the 14<sup>th</sup> century Tithe Barn and the Iron Duke harking back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century rubber industry.

Bradford has its own museum housing a "rescued" Victorian chemist's shop and a range of general exhibits from Roman times through to the industrial age. At the time of writing this remains closed but possibly it might have re-opened in the spring in which case a visit in the afternoon would complete our outing after a picnic or lunch in one of the local eateries. Should the museum not be open there is plenty of exploring in the town or for the more energetic a walk along the Kennet and Avon Canal to the Avoncliffe aqueduct temptingly close to The Crossed Guns PH.

### **Meeting Place and Time**

Meet at 11am in Westbury House Gardens, The Tourist Information Centre, just south of the town bridge.

The streets of Bradford are narrow and very steep so it is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes.

Bradford on Avon is about 8 miles from Bath by road but it has a good rail service if you prefer. Parking is easy and convenient in the station car park, our meeting place is just a few hundred yards downhill from the station, on the right hand side before the river.

**Please remember that you are responsible for your own safety and by joining this BACAS walk you do so at your own risk**

Maximum participants: 20

Cost: members £7 - Non-members £10. There will be a small supplementary charge if the museum can be opened for us.