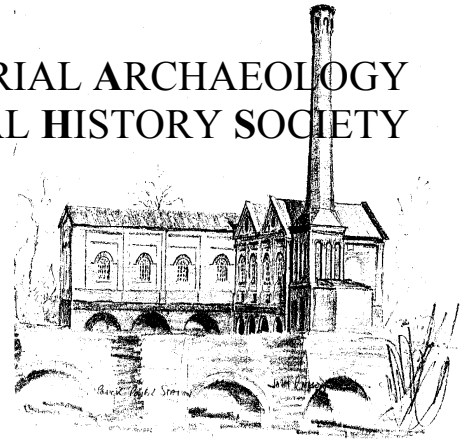


# WORCESTERSHIRE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



## SUMMER PROGRAMME 2012

First the bad news: Costs have risen substantially and we have decided on a smaller programme than last year to balance these costs. Coach hire is up by more than £100 per trip (fuel, tax, etc. and reduced discount - current economic climate and tight margins), but still better value than other local firms (another local society has recently changed to them).

We hope, though, you will consider the programme still good value. We have tried to 'add value' to the coach trips with a full day's programme with extra visits. The costs of these have thus at least doubled from last year. There is no away trip this year, so the first day trip is a vintage bus and river-boat trip and we finish with a canal-boat trip (plus buffet lunch).

If you wish your bookings to be confirmed please include one stamped, self-addressed envelope [SAE] approx 3" x 6" or an email address.

Please return the booking form *entire*, (or at least trips 1 to 5 together and 6 to 10 together), even if you are booking only one trip. Strike through those you are not booking. **A separate cheque for each paid for trip is preferred**, but if you prefer send one cheque combining several trips please write on the back of the cheque the trips it covers. Cheques will be banked a couple of weeks before each trip or the first on a combined one.

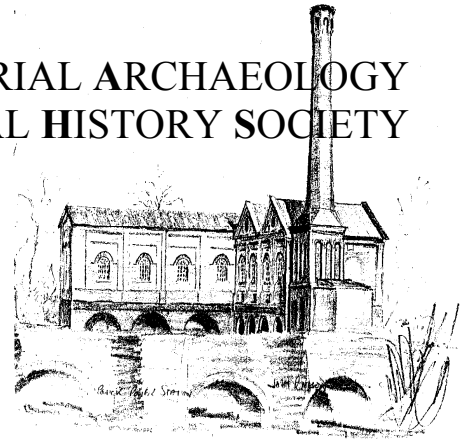
**Bookings cancelled less than 7 days of the trip will not be refunded** (unless there are extenuating circumstances). Refunds by cheque may incur a small administration fee. Remember **non-members have to pay an extra £1 per trip** as day membership, in order to be covered by our insurance.

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## Summary of Summer Programme 2012

### APRIL

- Friday **6<sup>th</sup> April** **EASTER FRIDAY**
- Monday **8<sup>th</sup> April** **EASTER MONDAY**
- Sunday **29<sup>th</sup> April** **Wolverley Walk**

### MAY

- Monday **7<sup>th</sup> May** **MAY DAY**
- Saturday **12<sup>th</sup> May** **Vintage Bus from Wythall to Stratford-upon-Avon**

### JUNE

- Monday **4<sup>th</sup> June** **SPRING BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday **5<sup>th</sup> June** **DIAMOND JUBILEE DAY**
- Friday **8<sup>th</sup> June** **Coach to Buxton**
- Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> June** **Ombersley Quarry**
- Sunday **24<sup>th</sup> June** **Droitwich Churches**

### JULY

- Sunday **1<sup>st</sup> July** **Perrycroft, West Malvern**
- Tuesday **24<sup>th</sup> July** **Coach to Boughton Estate**

### AUGUST

- Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> August** **Hereford by train**
- Thursday **16<sup>th</sup> August** **Ombersley Quarry**
- Monday **27<sup>th</sup> August** **AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY**

### SEPTEMBER

- Friday **21<sup>st</sup> September** **First Winter Lecture Programme.**
- Saturday **22<sup>nd</sup> September** **Coach to the Kennet & Avon Canal (& buffet lunch)**

## Wolverley Walk

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

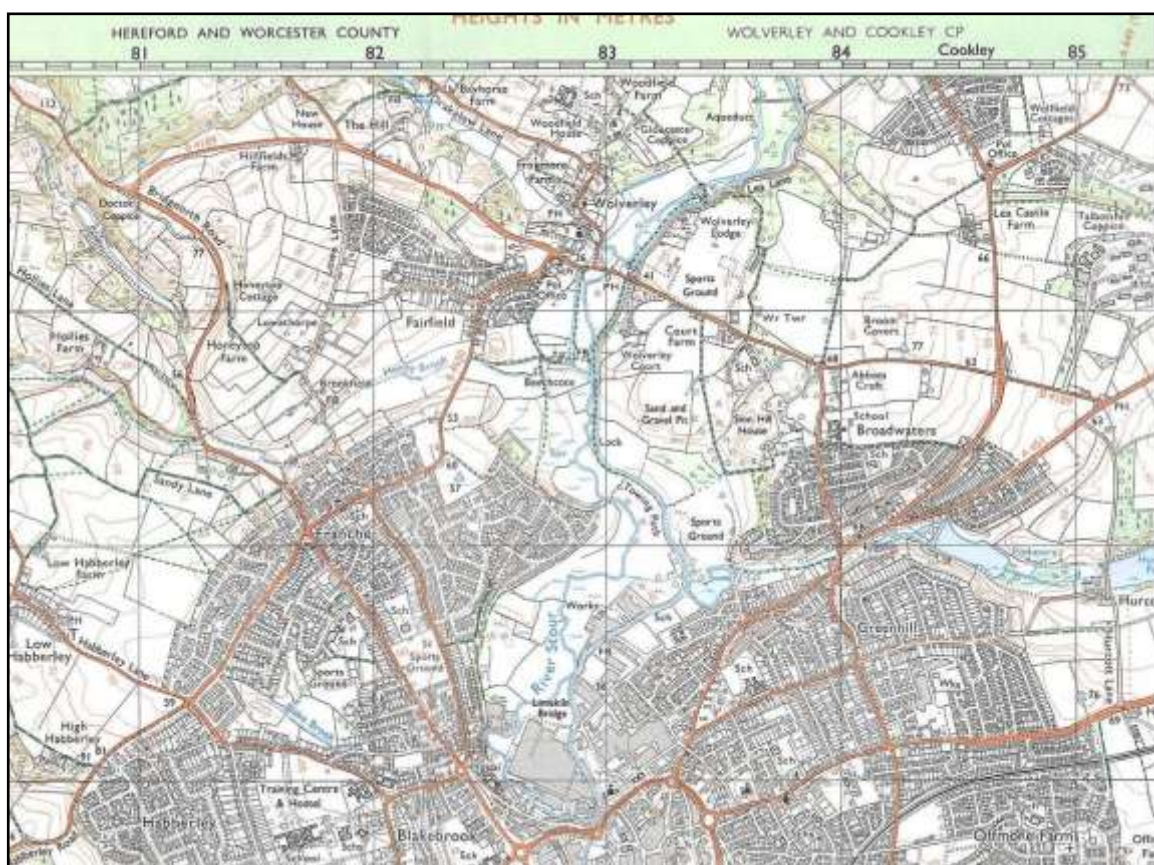
Organiser: Mike Hayzelden/Janet Morgan (W&CHS)

[own transport]

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This is an invitation by the Wolverley & Cookley History Society to a display and guided tour around the village of Wolverley (north of Kidderminster, west from the A449). Their displays are in the *village* hall as part of their village day. These run, with refreshments (arrive early for best choice!) from noon till 2pm, when the hall will close.

We park at the *church* hall (green tin shed, grid ref 1378640) to be directed by our hosts, over the road to the newer *village* hall, where there are various village society displays, plus the WI serving refreshments. At its close, at 2pm we will be taken on a walk around the village for about 1 hour, returning to the *church* hall. We will hear the influence of the Staffs & Worcestershire canal as it came through in the C18<sup>th</sup> and subsequent industries. It will reflect the interests and research of the members of the local historical society who will be our guides.



Contributions will be made to the Wolverley and Cookley Historical Society for their help in arranging and guiding this visit. (Refreshments available from the WI stall until 2pm)

Park at *church* hall from 12:30am

**Cost £2 collected on day**

# Vintage Midland Red Bus from Wythall to Stratford-upon-Avon

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Organiser: Roy Fidoe

[own transport to Wythall]

# 2



The highlight is a journey on a vintage Midland Red built, D9 double-decker bus (5399). We will have another opportunity to visit the Wythall Bus Museum from 10am, when the museum will open for us. Refreshment will be available before we leave and our bus will be ready to leave at 11am.

The D9 bus will take a country route (avoiding low bridges) arriving in Stratford by 12:30pm. The bus will park in the



coach park behind the Holiday Inn, adjacent to the river and Bancroft Cruisers. We have reserved their Rita Ellen boat (hot drinks purchased on board) at 1pm for a 45min river cruise (£5 fee on boat).

We have a couple of hours for lunch and sightseeing in Stratford-upon-Avon, before returning to the coach parking



area, ready to leave at 2:30pm.

We head to Kenilworth, where we will again stop, to look around the town and/or have afternoon tea. We leave there at 4pm returning to Wythall



by 5:30pm.

**Meet at the Bus Museum.** Its address is Chapel Lane, Wythall, Worc. B47 6JX (find location map at: [bammot.org.uk](http://bammot.org.uk)).. Refreshments will be available on arrival only.

Note on form if you wish to pre-book the 1pm river trip (£5 paid on boat).

Wythall @ 10:00am

**Cost £16** (refreshments/boat trip not included)



## Coach to Buxton

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Organiser: Mike Hayzelden

[coach New Inn 9.00am]

# 3

This is a day out in Buxton, with added interest! If you saw Heritage Heroes on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb you will have had a preview of both places we shall visit.

Our first stop is outside the Buxton Opera House, the glorious provincial Edwardian theatre of

1903 by the celebrated architect Frank Matcham, renowned for the London Coliseum & Gaiety Theatre as well as Blackpool's Tower Ballroom. We hope to have time for refreshments in the adjacent Pavilion Gardens before our backstage tour at

11am (meet at front doors.)



museum.

The Crescent and Spa Baths, were recently featured on the television but are closed for restoration. We will have time for lunch in town but there is a lot here to see and we will return for afternoon tea. The Pavilions has a mining



At 2pm the coach will leave from the theatre to Leander Architectural Castings, the heritage casting firm, at Dove Holes. They supply cast metal road names, direction 'finger' signs and reproduction castings in aluminium, copied from the original cast

iron, since 1874. They also cast the 'Salters' statue in Droitwich (right).

The owner also has a railway interest and runs a 2' gauge railway in his factory grounds.



We return to Buxton about 4pm (outside the theatre) in time to find tea and a last look at the Winter Gardens. The coach will leave from the Theatre at 5pm.

New Inn @ 9:00am

**Cost £22** (tours included but not refreshments)

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## Ombersley Quarry

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Organiser: Mike Hayzelden

[cars to Ombersley]

**4** A return visit to this amazing garden, complete with its own quarry. There were at least 15 members who were not able to go last time so it is in the programme again today and run again on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August.**

The quarry closed at the end of the nineteenth century, and the method of extraction is clearly shown where they abruptly stopped working. What was remarkable was that the quarry was not worked out but just seemed to have stopped one day or at the end of one season. Blocks were left ready for splitting, grooves cut and some undercut, each man's work left as if it were ready for next day, however every workman left with his tools as only a single wedge and blunt pickaxe head have so far been found.



We enter from low level by the cart-way to the lane through dark woodland before emerging into a small clearing with the rock face ahead. These main paths are safe and reasonable unless extremely wet, however, a steep, unevenly stepped track leads to the bottom of the quarry, which is slippery when just damp. But all can be seen from the main path as in the photo above. (see the report of last year's trip in the Newsletter)

This is a private garden where the owner has a safety restriction of 16 visitors. Only 4 cars can be accommodated in the narrow drive & lane. We therefore all have to meet in Ombersley, ready to leave there at 2pm.

If you take the A449 from Worcester, bear left onto the slip road to Ombersley and park on the right, just before (the south side of) the Crown & Sands.

Meet in Ombersley by 1:55pm

**Cost £4** (includes tea & cake afterwards)



## Droitwich Churches

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Organiser: Mike Hayzelden

[own transport]

5

This is a Mike Wall guided visit to the two ancient churches standing either side of the Droitwich Brine workings.

Our first stop is the town church of St. Andrews, High Street at 2pm, for a talk and tour in Mike's usual fashion. This church has a C13<sup>th</sup> chancel arch and tower. The tower is somewhat squat after having the upper stages removed due to subsidence in 1926! It also once had a spire, seen in early drawings.



Our second stop, about 3pm, is the St. Augustine's atop Dodderhill and visible from the High St. If you wish to take the 10minutes walk between the two walk across Vines Park, the canal and cross the Salwarpe to Vines lane There is a stepped path (recently cleared and tidied) alongside the railway track on the left as you pass under the railway bridge on the Worcester-Bromsgrove Road

The road route up to the church takes the left fork after the railway bridge, the signposted left again. There is only limited parking by the church.

Mike Wall will again give an introductory talk. After that at from about 3:30pm tea will be served from the parish room here.

ALSO from 3:30pm, the C17<sup>th</sup> church tower will be open to ascend to the tower. The ascent is a narrow spiral stair going past the bell chamber then a short ladder climb onto the roof. This is lead and slopes and is unsafe in wet weather, thus will only be allowed if the weather is dry. On a fine day there is an amazing panorama of Droitwich, with the Malverns in the distance. John Corbett's Chateau Impney lies just to the east. Access has to be managed to allow about 6 at a time, so can be staggered while others have their tea!



Car Parks are free on Sundays. A disabled parking space is available on the forecourt to St. Andrew's church.

The society will make contributions to both churches.

Meet at St. Andrews @ 2:00pm

**Cost £4** (refreshments included)

## Perrycroft, West Malvern

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Organiser: Mike Hayzelden

[own transport]

6

This is an afternoon to one of the seminal buildings of the Arts & Crafts movement including a private visit around the restored ground floor rooms, by the owners Gillian & Mark Archer.

The house is one of C.F.A.Voysey's early complete dwellings of 1895, nestled on the west side of the Malverns, on Jubilee Drive, with stunning views across Herefordshire. The ground floor interiors retain much of the original fittings and some decoration, lovingly restored by the owners. Voysey also laid out the formal

garden, and the planting and the rest of the 10-acre gardens are part of an on-going restoration by the owners.

(The gardens also open via NGS). The formal garden has easy paths but the larger garden has steep paths or steps.



We will split into at least a couple of groups with one touring the house, while the other tours the garden. There is no parking at the house, but there is a large Conservator's car park (Gardiner's Quarry, pay & display) on the opposite side of Jubilee Drive (B4232 - 50yds), with its entrance opposite that to 'The Kettle Sings' cafe.



The drive is also 50yds and quite steep, so for those who would find it difficult to walk one space can be made available at the house to ferry visitors (from car park - volunteer?). Be aware Jubilee Drive has no footpath so take care!

We will leave by 4pm and there may be time for some to get tea at the Kettle Sings afterwards.

Meet at entrance gates of drive to house @

**Cost £4**

2:00pm



## Coach to Boughton Estate Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Organiser: Roger Tapping

[coach New Inn 9:30am]

**7** This is not a cheap day out but is unique. The Estate tour encompasses a trip around several of the both picturesque and historic Estate Villages – Grafton Underwood, Geddington and, Warkton looking at the traditional relationship between the Great house and the estate that surrounds and supports it.

We arrive for coffee & biscuits (included) before a full tour of the house, including the amazing unfinished wing.

We then have time for a picnic lunch in the grounds/stables. (You must bring a picnic lunch as there are no lunch facilities available on the day)



After lunch at 2pm, we will leave in the coach for an estate tour.

This will include a visit to the Warkton Church with the stunning family monuments. These include several by the renowned sculptor Roubiliac, one of the four most prominent sculptors in London working in the rococo style, "probably the most accomplished sculptor ever to work in England".

We return to the house around 3:30pm, where afternoon tea & cakes will be available, for those who wish to book this, in the Stables Cafe at an additional cost of £4.50 each (payable in advance with booking form).

We leave about 4pm, arriving New Inn approx 5:30pm.

**Please indicate if you wish to book afternoon tea AND include payment for this!**

**New Inn @ 9:30am** (bring your lunch) **Cost £30** (morning coffee included)

## Hereford by train

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Organiser: Christine Silvester

[train Foregate St. Station 10:30am]

8

A great day out in Hereford using the group ticket system again (2 for 4).

Our walking tour to the centre will take in the Victorian and Edwardian housing

expansion to the east

of the city centre, passing the County Record office on our way back to the Cathedral green.

Here we will break for lunch and your own free time in Hereford (use 1757 map below) in the afternoon.

After lunch we may arrange, for those that are interested a visit in the imposing Town Hall (left).

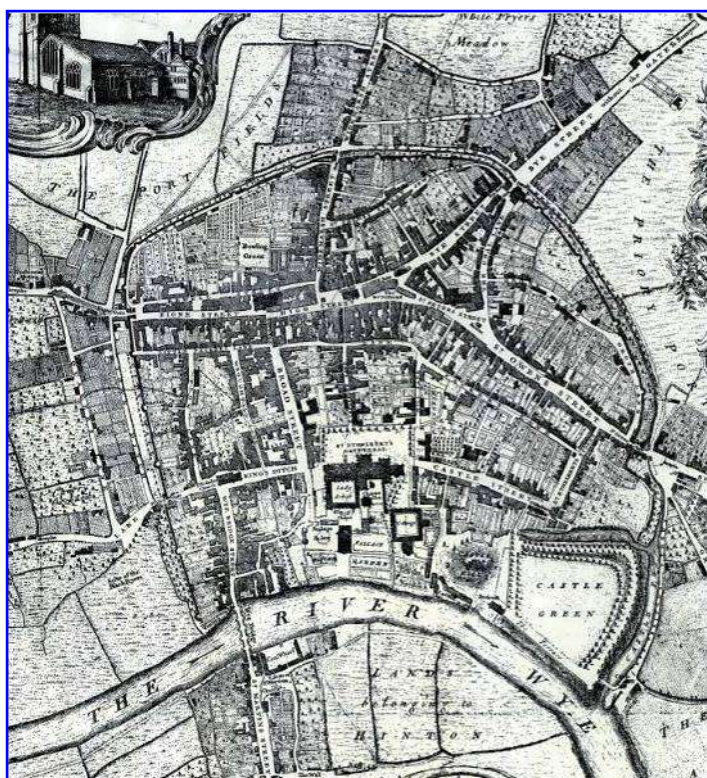


The train calls at Droitwich **10:20am**, Malvern Link **10:42am** and Great Malvern **10:45am**. The deal is 3 or 4 adults travel for the cost of 2, thus if you want to catch the train at these stations you need to organise yourselves into groups of 4. The cost below is for groups of 4 adults from Foregate St. where we will purchase the tickets a day or two day before.

Return trains leave at 40mins past each hour and at 15:14pm via Foregate St. & Shrub Hill stations to London! You should be in groups.

Indicate on the booking form if you are getting your own tickets.

Arrive at least 10mins early to make up a group and collect your group tickets!



Train Foregate St @ 10:30am train

**Cost £5** (cost from Foregate St.)



## Ombersley Quarry

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Organiser: Mike Hayzelden

[cars to Ombersley]

**9** A second chance to visit this amazing garden, if you can call it that.

The owners live in the old quarry master's house, built out of the quarried stone, of course, and they have extended it with enough of the dressed stone so that it matches perfectly.



See the notes for June 13<sup>th</sup> on the accessibility of the paths. The garden too can be daunting if one has vertigo! At one point the fairly level lawn stops, unguarded as a view point, at a vertical drop into the quarry!



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**Cost £4** (includes tea & cake afterwards)



## Coach to the Kennet & Avon Canal with canal boat trip & lunch **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Organiser: Mike Hayzelden

[coach New Inn 9:00am]

# 10

This is an all-inclusive unique day out as a finale for this Summer's Programme.

We hope to arrive at the Claverton Pumping Station, by 11am, on the Kennet & Avon canal for a guided tour of the ongoing restorations of this water powered pumping station for the canal's water supply. It is hoped that the restorations (rebuilding of the water wheel) will be nearing completion, but is unlikely to be operating until 2013.



At midday, we then join the Barbara McLellan, the Kennet & Avon's Trust's trip boat at the Claverton wharf for a short trip, to the Dundas Aqueduct. We will have time to walk around the small basin (left), disused arm and over the aqueduct, while our buffet lunch is prepared.

We continue our cruise to Bradford-on Avon wharf, whilst enjoying a buffet lunch and the scenery.

We should arrive there by 3pm with time to look around the basin, dry dock, a small tea room and canal shop, before boarding our coach and returning via Bradford on Avon on our way home.



Coffee/tea after/during the meal will be included. The boat has a licensed bar for other refreshments. The Barbara McLellan, has dining seats for only 40.

We have thus booked a 40-seater coach as access to the canal is also tight.

We will leave Bradford on Avon about 5:30pm and should be back by 7pm.

Coach at New Inn @ 9:00am

**Cost £33** (buffet lunch included)

# WIA & LHS SUMMER PROGRAMME 2012

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## Wolverley Walk

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

# 1

Booking: .....(name)

.....(address)

.....(address)

.....(tel/email)

Members ..... payment collected on day @ **£2 each**

Non-Members ..... payment collected on day @ **£3 each**

Contributions will be made to the Wolverley and Cookley Historical Society.

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## Wythall & Stratford

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

# 2

Booking: .....(name)

.....(address)

.....(address)

.....(tel/email)

Members ..... places @ **£16 each**

Non-Members ..... places @ **£17 each**

On the 1pm river trip please reserve..... places (pay on day)

**Total Enclosed £.....**

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**Coach to Buxton**

**Friday 8th June**

**3**

Booking:.....(name)  
.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)  
Members ..... places @ £23 each  
Non-Members ..... places @ £24 each

**Total Enclosed £.....**

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**Ombersley Quarry**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**4**

Booking: .....(name)  
.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)  
Members ..... places @ £4 each  
Non-Members ..... places @ £5 each

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**Droitwich Churches**

**Sunday 24th June**

**5**

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.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)  
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**Perrycroft**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**6**

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**Coach to Boughton Estate**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**7**

Booking: .....(name)  
.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)  
Members ..... places @ £30 each  
Non-Members ..... places @ £31 each  
Booking for afternoon tea ..... @ £4.50 each

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**8**

Booking: .....(name)  
.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)  
Number of tickets required ..... @ £5 each  
OR YOU will purchase our own tickets (for ..... persons)

**Total Enclosed £.....**

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**Ombersley Quarry**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

9

Booking:.....(name)  
.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)

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Non-Members ..... places @ £5 each

**Total Enclosed £.....**

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**Kennet & Avon Cruise Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

10

Booking: .....(name)  
.....(address)  
.....(address)  
.....(tel/email)

Members ..... places @ £33 each

Non-Members ..... places @ £34 each

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