

SUMMER 2017 ORGANISED TRIPS

As in previous years we will be organising two trips during the Summer months.

The first trip will be a full day's outing by coach to **Sudeley Castle**, Winchcombe in Gloucestershire.

The second trip will be our traditional evening visit on Wednesday 12th July which will replace our regular monthly meeting at St. Benedict's School. This year we will be visiting **Avoncroft Museum of Buildings** near Bromsgrove.

SUDELEY CASTLE – SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2017:

We will be travelling by Johnson's coach to Winchcombe, departing from Priory Road, Alcester at 9.30am, leaving Sudeley at 4.00pm.

Sudeley Castle and Gardens are situated in the heart of the Cotswolds, adjacent to the delightful small town of Winchcombe. Indeed Winchcombe is only a short walk down the drive from the castle and can be reached in ten to fifteen minutes on foot. Winchcombe contains a wealth of lovely buildings, small independent shops, coffee shops and pubs. It also has a fascinating church with an intriguing Alcester connection.....

Though Sudeley Castle is Tudor in origin it was also extensively refurbished in Victorian times and is still a much loved family home.

There are ten award winning gardens to be seen at Sudeley, exhibitions and beautiful rooms within the castle itself and there are guides on hand throughout. St Mary's church at Sudeley contains the tomb of Queen Katherine Parr, Henry VIII's sixth wife who lived at the castle following the monarch's death.

There are two cafes at Sudeley but also lovely spots in which to enjoy a picnic if you choose.

The coach will remain at Sudeley all day but you are free to venture into Winchcombe if you wish.

The cost of the trip will be £20 per head, covering the cost of travel and entrance. For an additional £5 per person you can take a guided tour of the famous Sudeley gardens if you wish.

AVONCROFT MUSEUM OF BUILDINGS – WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2017:

We will be travelling to Avoncroft with Dudley's coaches and we will again depart from Priory Road Alcester, leaving at 7.00pm, and leaving Avoncroft for the return journey at 9.30pm.

Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings is an award-winning open-air museum of over 30 rescued buildings which have been relocated to the site at Stoke Heath near Bromsgrove. The buildings have been re-erected in a walkable site resembling a large village and include a forge, a prefab, a nailer's cottage, a timber-framed house, a toll-house and a perry- mill.

The tour of the site will be guided and our group will be split into two for this.

Following the tour refreshments will be available in the Edwardian Tea Room at a cost of £3.50 per person and this is optional.

The cost per person will be £12, covering the cost of travel, guided tour and entrance fee.

BOOKING

Payment for both trips must be made on booking. Please leave a contact number at which you can be reached on the day of the trip i.e. a mobile phone number, if possible.