

## **Coach Excursions in More Detail**

### **WEEKEND IN BATH - 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Half board accommodation has been booked in the three star Mercure Bath Francis Hotel. The programme will include visits to the Assembly Rooms, Pump Rooms and Roman Bath, the Jane Austen Museum and guided tours of the town and Abbey. We will be visiting Bradford-on-Avon en route to see where Charles Darwin lived and have a guided tour of the Church.

### **IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUMS – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Once described as 'the most extraordinary district in the world', the Ironbridge Gorge is still a remarkable and beautiful place to visit. A huge amount of early industry survives as furnaces, factories, workshops, canals and the settlements of Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge, Jackfield and Coalport.

### **HAMPTON COURT GARDENS & THE SPACEGUARD CENTRE – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Herefordshire's Hampton Court Gardens are one of the most ambitious garden creations of our time. Original Victorian walls enclose new flower gardens divided by canals, island pavilions and pleached avenues. There is an ornamental kitchen garden and a maze of one thousand yews. Vast lawns and ancient trees enclose the castle. The aim of the privately-owned Spaceguard Centre is to develop and maintain a world-class facility for astronomical research and science education and to raise public awareness of the threat of asteroid and comet impacts.

### **ABBEY CWM HIR HALL – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Mid-Wales's unique and beautiful Grade II Victorian Revival Gothic mansion with 52 rooms. The twelve acres of gardens overlook the ruins of the twelfth century Cistercian abbey and include a walled garden, lake and waterfall, lawns and terraces, courtyards and woodland walks.

### **RSC BACKSTAGE TOUR & BROUGHTON CASTLE – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

After a backstage tour at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre we drive to Broughton Castle, one of only twenty of England's Best Houses to be given five stars by Sir Simon Jenkins and described as 'the most beautiful castle in all England' by Sir Charles Oman in 1898. Broughton Castle is a lived-in family home to Lord & Lady Saye and Sele.

### **THE SHUTTLEWORTH COLLECTION – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

This collection depicts the history of flight from the early 1900s to the 1950s and shows how the aeroplane operated in the pioneering years, was rapidly developed through necessity during World War I, was used for sport, pleasure and business in the 1920s and 30s and once again became a fighting machine in World War II.

### **THE BIG PIT and RAGLAN CASTLE – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

The Big Pit is a real coal mine and part of the National Museum of Wales, set in a unique industrial landscape, designated a World Heritage Site. The Underground Tour takes us, wearing mining equipment and carrying a miner's lamp, 300 feet underground with a real miner. Other places to see on the site include the Pithead Baths, historic buildings and the Mining Galleries.

Raglan Castle is 'undoubtedly the finest late medieval fortress in Britain', begun in 1435 by Sir William ap Thomas. A new visitor centre has recently been opened.

### **OXFORD AND THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

In the morning we visit the Ashmolean. Founded in 1683, it is Britain's first public museum and home to the University of Oxford's collections of art and archaeology. The current exhibitions will be Visions of Mughal India: The Collection of Howard Hodgkin and Art at the Edge: Where Sport becomes Art. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of Oxford.

### **STOKESAY CASTLE & LUDLOW/LUDLOW RACES – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Stokesay Castle is described by English Heritage as 'quite simply the finest and best preserved fortified medieval manor house in England. Set in peaceful countryside near the Welsh border, the castle, timbered-framed gatehouse and parish church form an unforgettably picturesque group'.

After a morning visit to Stokesay, the afternoon will be spent in Ludlow with an option to attend the races or to enjoy the town and possibly visit the Castle.

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## Civic Week 2012 – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

A full programme of visits and events will be publicised nearer the time

### **Kentchurch Court and the Laskett Gardens - Tuesday 3rd July 2012**

#### The Laskett

An opportunity to see Sir Roy Strong's garden for those who were unable to visit with our group in 2011 . Morning visit. £11.

#### Kentchurch Court and Gardens

An afternoon visit to the ancestral home of the Scudamore family dating back to the fourteenth century, guided by Mrs Jan Scudamore and, depending on numbers, by a local historian. In addition to the house, there are 25 acres of gardens including rhododendron wood, walled garden, vegetable garden and deer park. Visit, including full afternoon tea, £15.

These two visits may be taken singly or combined as they are both in the same area of Herefordshire, with the two properties being some 20 minutes apart. The cost for the two visits combined is £25.

Local visit – own transport

### **NOTES FOR EXCURSIONS and LOCAL VISITS**

1. The closing date for bookings for the coach visits is three weeks in advance, and two weeks in advance for the local visits. Bookings will not be accepted unless booking slips are accompanied by payments in full (unless otherwise indicated): slips are issued with the annual report, are available at meetings (at which payments can be made), or can be downloaded from the Society's website. Cheques should be made payable to the Malvern Civic Society and sent with booking slips to:

**DIANA MORGAN, TANNACHIE, HARCOURT ROAD, WEST MALVERN WR14 4DN TEL 567 882**

2. £3 administration costs will be deducted from any refunds made after cancellation. No refund will be made if cancelling within three days of an outing. If expenditure has already been committed by the organiser and cannot be reclaimed (eg where non-refundable tickets have been booked), this cost will also be deducted.
3. Prices shown are for MCS members. Non-members will pay a £2 surcharge on all visits.
4. Local visits to churches cost £5 per person of which £4 is passed on as a donation. Other local visits are priced as shown.
5. If acknowledgment of booking is required, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

## Coach Excursions Booking Slips

### **26<sup>TH</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**                      **WEEKEND IN BATH**

Please book ..... places @ £350.00 .....                      Total £.....

*Deposit required of £50 per person; balance in instalments – to be notified*

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**                      **IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM**

Please book ..... places @ £28.00 .....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**                      **HAMPTON COURT GARDEN AND THE SPACEGUARD CENTRE**

Please book ..... places @ £24.50 .....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**                      **ABBEY CWM-HIR HALL**

Please book ..... places @ £25.00 .....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY**                      **RSC BACKSTAGE TOUR AND BROUGHTON CASTLE**

Please book ..... places @ £25.00 .....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**                      **THE SHUTTLEWORTH COLLECTION**

Please book ..... places @ £30.00 .....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**                      **THE BIG PIT AND RAGLAN CASTLE**

Please book ..... places @ £16.00 .....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

### **WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**                      **OXFORD AND ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM**

Please book ..... places @ £17.50.....                      Total £.....

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....                      Email .....                      Mobile No .....

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER      STOKESAY CASTLE AND LUDLOW/LUDLOW RACES**

Please book ..... places @ £16.00      Total    £.....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Telephone .....      Email .....      Mobile No .....

**Local Visits Bookings Slips**

These visits will take place on Thursday afternoons, unless otherwise stated, and will comprise a guided tour, usually followed by refreshments.

Own transport; car sharing is recommended as parking is limited in some places.

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH      CLAVERLEY CHURCH**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00      £.....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Telephone .....      Email .....      Mobile No .....

**TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH      WARWICK - HOSTED BY THE WARWICK CIVIC SOCIETY**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00      £.....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Telephone .....      Email .....      Mobile No .....

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY      STORRIDGE CHURCH**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00      £.....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Telephone .....      Email .....      Mobile No .....

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY      PERRYCROFT, JUBILEE DRIVE**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00      £.....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Telephone .....      Email .....      Mobile No .....

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE      ALFRICK CHURCH**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00      £.....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Telephone .....      Email .....      Mobile No .....

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**                      **LOWER BROCKHAMPTON ON A SUMMER EVENING**

Please book ..... places @ £10.00 .....                      Total    £.....

Name                      .....

Address                      .....

Telephone                      .....                      Email                      .....                      Mobile No                      .....

**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**                      **THE LASKETT GARDENS AND KENTCHURCH COURT**

Name                      .....

Address                      .....

Telephone                      .....                      Email                      .....                      Mobile No                      .....

The Laskett Gardens (morning)

Please book ..... places @ £11.    Total £                      .....

2012 Kentchurch Court (afternoon)

Please book ..... places @ £15.    Total £                      .....

The Laskett Gardens and Kentchurch Court (combined visit)

Please book ..... places @ £25.    Total £                      .....

**THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**                      **CASTLE FROME CHURCH**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00                      £.....

Name                      .....

Address                      .....

Telephone                      .....                      Email                      .....                      Mobile No                      .....

**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**                      **PUDLESTON CHURCH**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00                      £.....

Name                      .....

Address                      .....

Telephone                      .....                      Email                      .....                      Mobile No                      .....

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**                      **BOSBURY CHURCH**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00                      £.....

Name                      .....

Address                      .....

Telephone                      .....                      Email                      .....                      Mobile No                      .....

**DATE TBA NOVEMBER**                      **ENVIROSORT RECYCLING CENTRE**

Please book ..... places @ £5.00                      £.....

Name                      .....

Address                      .....

Telephone                      .....                      Email                      .....                      Mobile No                      .....

