

PORTSDOWN U3A

BUILDINGS APPRECIATION GROUP - NOTES FROM MEETING ON 26.3.19

1. Lunch at South Downs college - very good! Many thanks to David for arranging this. It was so much enjoyed that we might go there for Christmas lunch. David advises best do this in January, but we'd need to book in September!!
2. Possible Architectural tour of Chichester Cathedral. Confirmed the date will be 23rd July. We are to meet our guide outside the Cathedral just before 11a.m. Cost will be £5.50 p.p. I will collect this (cash please!) at our meetings in May and June. They have confirmed since that the Clerk of Works will be meeting us at the end of the tour. Please could everyone think of at least one question to ask him as this is a great privilege and we should not waste his time!
3. Stained glass window studio. Pam has been in touch with the owner (Jonathan) who wishes to wait until he has an interesting piece of work for us to view, which may mean later in the year, on a Tuesday morning, but not necessarily on a meeting date. We will notify you as soon as we know. Cost would be £5 or £6 p.p. N.B. THE STUDIO IS UP THREE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS. (Start getting fit now??!!)
4. Old Portsmouth Walk : planned for 14th May, 10.30 a.m. at Dockyard Gate. No lunch venue booked!
5. Eltham Palace trip - Travel Group trip. June 10th. Coach trip from Church of the Resurrection, time and costs t.b.a. It has a fabulous Art Deco restoration, plus a medieval castle. The tour will be designated educational, which means that it is free to participants. If you want to go , let me or Judy Jones know a.s.a.p.
6. Possible Winchester visit -as the Museum is quite small, we could try to 'do' it and the cathedral in one day! Chris H has a possible contact with the stonemasons at the cathedral and agreed to pursue with a view to meeting them and visiting the cathedral.
7. Open Day : Provisionally to be held on 9th October 2019. Colin agreed to update his Powerpoint photo display and Lynne volunteered to help with greeting interested visitors. We will need other people to volunteer for the various other jobs that need doing, so please make any offers direct to me (I volunteered to 'run' the event!!)

NORMAN CATHEDRALS

Jill had printed for us all a glossary of words relating to church architecture and she very kindly took us into the Sts. Peter & Paul church for a tour to point out the various features. Many thanks to Jill for an heroic effort (as she was not feeling too good at the time).

Cathedrals: I read some information, with photos, about Exeter's two Norman towers, retained and attached to a Decorated Gothic rebuild in the 13th and 14th centuries.

Next meeting's contributions: Janice (Lincoln), Helen (Ely), Lynne & Colin (Peterborough)

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