



Summer Programme 2022

Saturday 9th April 2022

Philip Hume

'The King's Writ does not run here': The Welsh Marcher Lordship'

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

The medieval Marcher Lordships were a region between England and Wales that, politically and administratively, didn't belong fully to either. Within each of the nearly 50 lordships, the Marcher Lord had unique regal-like powers with their own laws, judicial powers, and access to resources and armies. This talk explores the origins and development of the Marcher Lordships in the context of the 200-year struggle for control of Wales, with particular reference to the Marcher Lordships of West Shropshire

Saturday 7th May

Lee Hale, Head of Winterbourne Garden

Talk: 'Shropshire: there and back again', followed by Guided Tour of the garden

Winterbourne House and Garden, 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RT

Winterbourne House is the botanical garden located at the University of Birmingham. However, before this it was the Nettlefold's family home (Nettlefold is the N in GKN). Their house was built in the green fields of Edgbaston, on the outskirts of Birmingham at the same time as the University was being founded, in around 1900, so their house is a lovely example of an integrated Arts and Crafts house and garden. The house has been restored in part to reflect the family's use of it, and to reconnect to the largely intact plantings of the era to be found in the garden.

11am -11:20 Arrival and coffee. 11:30-12:15 The talk. 12:30-2:00pm Buffet lunch (provided) 2:00pm – 3:00pm Guided walk of Garden.

Please book by **28th April**. Contact Roger White m 07817 090877; rhw2109@gmail.com.

This is to confirm numbers and dietary requirements for the catering.

Cost: £5 per head (pay on the day)

Advice on travel options (Rail or own car) on the reverse of this notice and on the SAHS website.

Saturday 11th June 2022

Led by David Pannett

A Visit to Acton Burnell

2.30pm, Car park for Acton Burnell Castle

An exploration of the castle, church and village revealing the contribution of successive owners, in particular Robert Burnell, once chancellor to Edward 1st, who has left his mark on the village with fine buildings, using local stone, which centuries before had also been used at Wroxeter. Meet at the castle (signposted) Car parking space is limited so car sharing is recommended.

To offer a lift or request one, please contact Penny Ward at sahsmembership@gmail.com or 01743 246547

Saturday 9th July 2022

Led by Roger White

'Poets, artists, and writers at Wroxeter

2pm Wroxeter Roman site Car Park

This will be a guided tour of Wroxeter from the perspective of the poets, artists and writers who have been inspired by the site from the time of its first excavations in 1859. The route will take us from the main public site, across to the forum and then down to the village where the artist Tom Prytherch lived and worked. It will be an opportunity to see the site from a different perspective, and perhaps think about how changes in how the site is managed might once again inspire artistic endeavour at Wroxeter. The tour will be led by Roger White, who has just completed a book on this subject entitled 'Ashes Under Uricon'.

Members should park in the car park at the site by 2pm.

Possible Visit to Nesscliffe Week beginning 14th August 2022

Led by Andy Wigley

It is hoped we can arrange to visit the excavations at the hillfort one weekday during this week. If this is arranged, details will be sent out via email and will be posted on the SAHS website.

Saturday 24th Septemeber

AGM followed by 'Nesscliffe hillfort excavations'

Gary Lock and Paul Reilly

2.00 pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

Full details with the Autumn Newsletter and AGM papers.

Travel arrangements for Winterbourne Garden, 7th May 2022

By Rail

It is suggested that the easiest way to get to Winterbourne is using the railway. If travelling from Shrewsbury, Wellington or Telford and using the hourly Transport for Wales express train it is an hour from Shrewsbury to New Street, 50 minutes from Wellington and 45 minutes from Telford. The train usually leaves at around half past the hour. A stopping Midlands Rail train that leaves around 15 minutes later is the next option, but obviously takes slightly longer.

Once at New Street, you will need to transfer to the Longbridge / Redditch service, which is usually at Platform 12. You need to alight at the 2nd stop from New Street, which is University (Five Ways is the intermediary station). Trains to either Longbridge or Redditch generally depart every 15 minutes – either destination will get you to University. Note that University station is being rebuilt ahead of the Commonwealth Games which are to be held in Birmingham from 28th July so exact exits / entrances may vary from your past experience.

On leaving University station turn towards the seated statue and go down the curving road to your left (do not go past the statue and down the steps). At the end, turn left again up a slight rise and emerge on Pritchatts Road. Turn right, cross at the pelican crossing (you will pass the University North Gate on your right as you reach the crossing) and continue down towards Edgbaston Park Road. King Edward's school will be on your right as you reach the junction but turn left. The entrance to Winterbourne is on your right on the other side of the road, just before the bend. Please do check for traffic carefully at this point as cars can come speeding round the corner and may not be aware of pedestrians crossing at this point. The walk from the station to Winterbourne should take 10-15 minutes at normal walking speed.

By Car

If you are driving, the directions are given on the Winterbourne Gardens website: <https://www.winterbourne.org.uk/plan-your-visit/find-us/> and park on site. The postcode for the sat nav if you are using it is B15 2RT.

Please remember that if you drive through the centre of Birmingham (i.e. using the M54 – M6 – A38 Expressway), you may be liable for a Clean Air Zone payment: <https://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones>; <https://www.brumbreathes.co.uk/info/32/charges-operation>

It is suggested you check your car on the website to see if you fall foul of this. If you are liable, and don't pay the fee within the 6 days grace, the first thing you will know about it is a fixed penalty notice dropping through your letterbox. It mostly affects older cars, especially diesels.

If you drive in via M54 – M6 – M5 – A38 Bristol Road, you will be avoiding the Clear Air Zone.