

MEOPHAM U3A VISIT TO ST ALBANS

APRIL 23RD 2020

We start our visit with a 90 minute conducted tour of city and cathedral. The city part of the tour will be led by Green Badge Guides and the cathedral part by Cathedral guides, who work closely together. Much of the cathedral tour allows the opportunity to be seated and at the end we will view the newly installed wonderful illuminated Wall Paintings.

Following the tour you will be free to have lunch and visit other attractions in the city.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

- **Verulanium Park** which covers the site of the Roman City of Verulanium. In the centre of the park which is a building over the *Roman Mosaic and Hypocaust* (free to enter). A short walk from here takes you to *Verulanium Museum* which houses some of the finest treasures of Roman Britain including some of the best mosaics outside Britain. Close by is the *Roman Theatre*, the only example of its kind in Britain.
- **St Albans Museum and Gallery** where we start and end our day in St Albans. This Grade II* listed building contains the Georgian deep-welled court which was in use until the mid-1960s, the prison cells, the Council Chamber used until the early 1980s and the double height Assembly room. Showcasing over 2,000 years of priceless heritage, this museum celebrates St Albans' unique story.

LUNCH: St Albans offers an enormous variety of pubs, restaurants and cafes some of which are attractions themselves.

- Down Abbey Mill Lane from the Cathedral is **Ye Olde Fighting Cocks** reputedly the oldest inhabited Inn in England.
- Down Hollywell Hill from the Cathedral is a Cote Brasserie which was originally **Samuel Ryder's Exhibition Hall**. This is next door to the Clarion Collection Hotel, originally built by former mayor of St Albans Samuel Ryder as his office for his seed company. Ryder went on in later life to found one of the most famous competitions in the world of golf, the Ryder Cup.
- Walk back up to the drop off point to the **Old Town Hall and Courthouse** and you can have your lunch inside the actual courtroom.
- You may prefer to take a picnic in Verulanium Park and eat it watching the ducks.

We will leave St Albans at 4.00pm and, traffic permitting, hope to arrive back in Meopham by 6pm.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please return this completed form and your cheque to a member of the outings team or the Committee at a monthly meeting or coffee morning. If you are sending it by post, please see below for address.

Please reserve place(s) on this outing at £23.00 per head. This covers return travel by executive coach, the guided tour and all gratuities.

I enclose/ attach a cheque, payable to “**Meopham U3A (social account)**”, for £.....
(Full amount due.)

Cheques will be paid in approximately 1 month before the outing date. If you are subsequently unable to go to St Alban’s it may not be possible to refund your money unless another member can take your place.

Please tick your preferred coach pick-up point:

Culverstone at 8.00am...Meopham Church at 8.10...Istead Rise....at 8.20

We should be back at Meopham by 6.00pm.

Name(s).....

U3A membership number(s).....

e-mail.....

If you have a mobile phone it would be useful to have your number so that we can contact you if any problems arise on the day.

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If you have a mobility problem, please give main details:

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All information on this form will only be used in connection with outings organised by Meopham U3A.

You can register a booking by email to Moira: greenmoira1@gmail.com and it will be held for 7 days to enable you to send your payment in full. If you are applying by post, please send to:

Moira Green- Tare Reede, Labour in Vain Road, Wrotham, TN15 7NY

Please email or telephone Moira if you would like additional details about this outing – greenmoira1@gmail.com 01732 824293

