

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY

BIRMINGHAM & WEST MIDLANDS

**A day visit to Newland (the Beauchamp Community)
and
Madresfield Court, near Malvern, Worcestershire**

Saturday 15th July 2017

£40 including morning refreshments, lunch, entrance fees and donations

Our Endeavour coach will leave Church Street, Birmingham, just by the Cathedral, at 9.15 a.m. and refreshments will be ready on our arrival at Newland, before we tour the complex, including St Leonard's. A buffet lunch will be provided at the Swan pub in Newland (a range of sandwiches including vegetarian). We will then travel the short distance to Madresfield Court for a 2.30 p.m. guided tour followed by a visit to the gardens. ***Please note that we are unable to guarantee refreshments at Madresfield Court which will also include a lot of stairs and standing up.***

Newland is now a community for retired Anglicans, but was designed in the 1860s by Philip Hardwick for the Earl Beauchamp of Madresfield Court for 'twenty four decayed agricultural labourers'. Hardwick's Grade I listed St Leonard's is known for its elaborate interior decoration with frescos and stained glass by Hardman & Clayton & Bell. We will view the exterior of the alms house range and also the Gate Tower, apparently built to Hardwicke's original design exhibited at the Royal Academy, 1861.

Madresfield Court (*rated by Simon Jenkins as one of his 100 best houses*) stands at the foot of the Malvern Hills in a perfect moat. What you see today is a remodelling by Hardwick, from 1863 onwards, of a medieval manor house for the 5th & 6th Earls. The interiors are mostly his with some outstanding early 20th century Arts & Crafts work for the 7th Earl. The Library was remodelled and expanded by C.R.Ashbee and the Guild of Handicraft. The Chapel is an Arts and Crafts delight commissioned from the Birmingham Guild of Handicraft in 1902 with work by Bidlake, A.S.Dixon, Georgie Gaskin, etc.

Please return the booking form below **by Monday 12th June** to:
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Please note that we do not issue tickets but are happy confirm a booking if you send an sae or request an e-mail confirmation.

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Please reserve: _____ places on Saturday 15th July coach trip @£40 per person

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to **The Victorian Society, Birmingham Group**