

WALKABOUT VISIT TO KENILWORTH

Saturday 26th April 2014

The walk will be led by Dr Richard K Morris

Richard Morris was Reader in Architectural History at Warwick University until 2001. He is a specialist in medieval and Tudor buildings and is the author of the English Heritage guidebook to Kenilworth Castle. In retirement, he has taken account of the more recent architecture of the town where he has lived for 40 years. He is editor of the Transactions of the Ancient Monuments Society.

Walkabout

The afternoon will start in the town centre with Richard's research on the 1870s villas of Southbank Road, which excellent works by the Hereford architect, E H Lingen Barker. Then a walk around the edge of Abbey Fields (Congregational Church, 1872; Abbey Hotel, 1889), via the Abbey ruins (excavated 1890) to St Nicholas's Parish Church (restored 1864) for tea: this is the only building we shall be going into. Then we will continue along the old High Street (Parish Hall, 1911; 'Wantage', interesting Arts & Crafts house, 1901, Buckland & Farmer) to Kenilworth Castle, to appreciate (from the outside) its depiction by 19C artists and arrangements for Victorian and Edwardian visitors.

Distance: 2 miles

Start Time: 2.00 pm Car parking: Abbey End car-park in the centre of town, opposite the Holiday Inn.

There are public toilets in the car park. Charges are £2 for up to 4 hours, or £3.50 for longer.

Duration: The walk and tea should take about 2½ hours,

Terrain: all on surfaced footpaths, some hills

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTION: anyone who arrives early may consider visiting St John's Church at the south end of Warwick Road, Grade II*, 1851, Ewan Christian (current incumbent promoting interior re-ordering about which Tim Bridges has been consulted).

Tea is included and will be approximately half way round the walk in the nave of the Parish Church.

Notes will be given out on the day.

Please detach and return the slip below to Helene Pursey, 54 Prospect Rd, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9TD by Monday 21st April with cheque made payable to **The Victorian Society - Birmingham Branch**

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