

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY BIRMINGHAM & WEST MIDLANDS

A COACH TRIP TO SHROPSHIRE

Visiting 2 churches with lunch and a guided tour of Stokesay Court

Saturday 13th July 2024

£56 including coach fare, lunch, donations and guided tour

9.00 am Coach departs from Church Street, Birmingham City Centre

9.20 am 2nd coach pick up from St Augustine's Road, Edgbaston B16 9JN

Then to Burford House Garden Centre, Tenbury Wells. Morning refreshments (not included in visit price) before we walk to St Mary's church, (Grade I with 1889-90 restoration by Aston Webb) at the lavish expense of The Hon. Georgina Rushout of Burford House. Rebuilt tower and chancel with roof of angels, all window tracery and most fittings by Webb and stained glass by Powell. Our next stop is St John the Baptist (Grade I) at Stokesay Castle. Rebuilt after the Civil War our main reason for visiting is the 1903 stained glass by Henry Payne of Birmingham. Trained by Christopher Whall, he then taught at Birmingham School of Art many of Arts & Crafts artists. Also 1913 nave window by James Hogan for Powells.

We then depart for Stokesay Court (Grade II*) at Onibury near Craven Arms. 1889 – 95 by Thomas Harris, a Gothic Revivalist architect. Costing over £100,000 for the glove manufacturer John Derby Allcroft M.P. One of the first houses in England to have electric lights, it has gardens laid out by Henry Ernest Milner. Through marriages it has remained in the same family ownership and is described in Pevsner as *'the most grandiloquent Victorian mansion in the County.'* After a light lunch we will have a private guided tour of the principal rooms. There will also be time to visit the gardens.

17.00 hrs Leave Stokesay Court to return to Birmingham;

18.30 hrs Estimated arrival time back at St Augustine's Road then onto Church Street.

Please return booking form with a cheque by **28th June** to Gill Sockett, 5 Birdlip Grove, Quinton, Birmingham B32 1ER. Tel: 0121 208 2865 e-mail gill.sockett@victorian-society-bham.org.uk or pay by bank transfer **Sort Code:30-92-99 Account No:00167544 marked with your surname and 'Shropshire'**. If paying by bank transfer you **MUST** let Gill know, and where you will be joining the coach. You can also book via Eventbrite.

*Our refunds policy is on the website .Non-members of the Society are welcome to join us on this visit. You are reminded that you participate at your own risk and neither the Society nor its officers accept any liability of any kind whatsoever however arising. The Society reserves the right to cancel or alter events if necessary. **Please note:** We do not issue tickets so assume you have a place if you have returned a booking form. If you would like confirmation, please send an S.A.E or ask for an email acknowledgement.*

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Shropshire Coach Trip on 13th July 2024

Please reserve _____ places

Name(s): _____

We will join the coach at: _____ (indicate which pick-up)

Phone/Email: _____

Any special dietary requirements for lunch: _____

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