

Welford and Weston Local History Society

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Newsletter 60-Summer Outing 2020

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This year's History Society Summer Outing will be on **Wednesday 10th June 2020**.

We will be leaving from the Maypole promptly at 9.00am and will be driven by coach to one location in Gloucestershire with several venues. The journey is about 75 minutes.

We will be going to Berkeley Castle and within the grounds of the castle, is the home of Dr Edward Jenner.



We will start our day with a guided tour of the house and will also have a short film on the life of Dr Jenner and his many pioneering works. Refreshments will be served here.

Dr Jenner was born in 1749 and is the pioneer of vaccinations against Smallpox, a discovery which continues to save lives today. He was also an accomplished Poet, Musician, Gardner and a Country Doctor. He died in 1823 leaving behind a wealth of knowledge and collections on his many works. In 1980 the World Health Assembly declared that smallpox had been wiped out and today more than 3 million people are being vaccinated against the deadly disease.

After lunch in the Garden Room we will have a guided tour of Berkeley Castle.



The Castle has been the Berkeley family home for nearly 900 years, longer than any other Norman Fortress in England. King Edward II was kept a prisoner in the “Keep” where it was claimed that he was murdered. The Castle is surrounded by Eight Acres of landscaped gardens, sweeping lawns and terraces with views looking towards the River Severn. Within the gardens is also Elizabeth I’s Bowling Green and the 8th Earls swimming pool which has now been converted into a magnificent lily pond.

There are many historical treasures to see within the imposing Great Hall of the Castle, including rare paintings, Elizabethan Tapestries and much more.



We have a guided tour which will be about 75 minutes long and then there will be time before we depart for home to see the Church, Butterfly House, Gardens and Shop. On the day please wear sensible shoes, as there are some steps up to the Castle entrance.

We will leave for Welford promptly at 4.30pm aiming to get back at 6.00pm.

The price (£46/person) includes in summary, Coach, refreshments on arrival, entrance to Dr Jenner’s house, 2 course cooked lunch (including tea/coffee), guided tour of Berkeley Castle. Also access to the Butterfly Farm, Church and the extensive gardens.

Tickets are available from any Committee Member.