



Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club
**Excursion to Wells Cathedral &
 The Bishop's Palace & Garden**
Wednesday 25th July 2018

Organiser: David Thackray Tel. No. 01453 873 262

Wells Cathedral is set in the medieval heart of England's smallest city and is the earliest English cathedral to be built in the Gothic style. As well as its iconic and breathtaking West Front, the Cathedral boasts the famous Wells Clock, a fascinating octagonal Chapter House, the Jesse Window (a very fine example of medieval stained glass in Europe), and collections of exquisite embroidery and manuscripts. A selection of guided tours has been arranged:

- either a **General Guided** Tour of the Cathedral; or
- four **Specialist** Tours: Architecture, Carvings, Embroideries or Stained Glass, at an additional charge of £3.50 per person

Please indicate on the booking form your first and second choices of tour. Minimum of 10 per tour. Final decisions rest with organiser. The tour themes will be displayed at lectures and can be found at <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/visit/tours-groups/groups/>

The Bishops Palace has been home to the Bishops of Bath and Wells for 800 years. This stunning medieval building sits within 14 acres of gardens, containing the beautiful well pools from which the city takes its name and an Arboretum. As you cross the drawbridge over the moat, you enter a haven of tranquillity in the heart of the city. A guided tour of the Palace is included in the price.

Departure points and times

Using a 48 seater coach with on-board toilet
 Painswick, Stamages Lane Car Park
 Minch. Dr Browns Rd. (Common End)

Departs Returns

(Approx.)
 7.45 am 6.30 pm
 8.15 am 6.15 pm

If HHA member, please provide membership no.

Access/mobility/dietary needs:

Next of Kin (please obtain their consent to passing their details to CNFC). Name:

Work / Landline tel. no:

Mobile tel. no:

Email:

Cancellation and Refund Policy

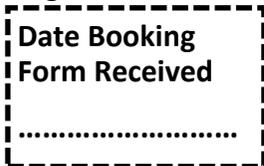
On cancellation in writing a full refund will be made if the trip is oversubscribed and a replacement is immediately available from the waiting list. If there is no waiting list then, in the event of cancellations, reasonable efforts will be made to find a replacement. If successful, and on receipt of the full amount from that person, up to 90% of your payment will be refunded. Refunds cannot be guaranteed for cancellations received after **30th June 2018**. Even so, every effort will be made to refund any costs that can be recovered from the 'suppliers'. If more than 40 people book, there will be a cash refund on the basic price.

Please would all sign below to confirm that you accept the terms and conditions on this booking form and agree to your personal and next of kin data being recorded and used by Officers for contact purposes.

Cheque for £..... enclosed

Signed Date

Signed



Bookings will be acknowledged by email if provided. Alternatively, please enclose SAE for an acknowledgement

The Programme

10.45 am. We will have **coffee and biscuits** on arrival in the Cathedral Café.

11.10 am: we then divide into groups for either the **General Tour** or one of the pre-booked **Specialist Tours**.

12.30 pm: lunch (self-funded). A good choice of lunch spots is available: Cathedral Café, Bishops Table in the Palace opposite the Cathedral, in the town, or bring a picnic.

2.00 pm Re-assemble at entrance to the Bishops Palace and divide into groups for a Guided Tour of Palace of about an hour, after which participants have free time to look round the gardens and/or have tea.

Tea: available in The Bishop's Table on a self-funded basis

4.30 pm: the coach leaves promptly for the return journey

Access: access to most areas of the Cathedral involves a small number of steps and some ramps, with uneven flagstone surfaces in places. Access to the Chapter House and Library involve a large number of uneven and narrow steps. The Bishops Palace has a lift to the upper floor. Garden has mainly gravel or tarmac paths. A companion accompanying a visitor in a wheelchair has free entrance to the Palace and gardens. **Please specify any access and dietary needs on the booking form.**

Price: **£33.00** per person (**£36.50** if taking a specialist tour in the Cathedral) including coach, entry fees, morning coffee, gratuities and guided tours. Pricing based on a minimum of 40 participants. **Refund policy on final page.**



Booking Form: Excursion to Wells



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Allocation of places: bookings accepted on a first come, first served basis. If over-subscribed, extra bookings will go onto a reserves list

Priority given to Club members up to 2nd May 2018 after which booking will be open to non-members, as well as members

To Book: please complete this form and return, together with cheque for **£33.00 per person**, or **£36.50 if specialist tour requested**, payable to 'CNFC' to: Dr David Thackray, 45 Bownham Park, Rodborough Common, Stroud GL5 5BY

Please provide your Contact Details:

Name(s):

Address:

.....**Post Code:**

Landline tel. no:

Mobile tel. no:

Email:

Choice of tour at Wells Cathedral:

First Choice: **Second Choice:**

Boarding coach at Minchinhampton or Painswick (delete one)