

Tour of churches around Watlington in Oxfordshire

Programme for the day

The churches we plan to visit in the morning are mainly family/estate churches and vested in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) and the timing for these churches is a little tight in order to have time to give lunch the attention it deserves. The afternoon will be more relaxed.

Accommodation at the Coach & Horses Inn

Their website welcomes overnight guests and their accommodation comprises nine bedrooms all set at ground level around a quiet courtyard. All their rooms have either a double bed or two single beds and are en-suite with colour television, telephone, trouser press, hair-dryer and a hospitality tray. All rooms are: £65.00 per night for single occupancy and £85.00 per night with two guests staying. All prices are for Bed and Breakfast – breakfast choices include a full English – and include VAT. Please call **01865 890255** to make a room or table booking. If anyone plans to stay over on Friday night at Chiselhampton or nearby, Charles Peers would be pleased to meet up in the bar at the Coach & Horses for dinner.

09.30

Coach & Horses, Chiselhampton

Meet at the Coach & Horses pub in Chiselhampton for coffee or tea - light or cooked breakfast will also be available. There is plenty of car parking space at the pub.

09.55

Set off from the pub car park for the first church on our tour **on foot as it is only around 350 yds (320m)** from the pub and there is a narrow footpath along the side of the road to the church. There is very limited parking outside the church and when cars are parked there they are close to the edge of a road that can be busy at times.

10.00

1

St Katherine's Church, Chiselhampton

Tour of this Georgian church with Charles Peers as our guide accompanied by Steve Dawson who will mention the good work of the Churches Conservation Trust.

10.30

Return to the Coach & Horses car park and set off for the next church.

11.05

2

All Saints' chapel, Nuneham Courtney

Tour of the church with a representative of the CCT as our guide.

11.50

Set off for the next church.

12.30

3

All Saints' church, Shirburn Castle

Tour of the church, possibly with a member of the Parker family as our guide.

13.00

Set off for Fingest for lunch at the Chequers Inn before visiting the next church opposite the pub.

13.30

Lunch at the Chequers Inn, Fingest

As Fingest church is opposite the pub members are encouraged to make their way over to the church during the lunch break and visit the church and then at their leisure go on to Swyncombe avoiding a convoy. This will give a more relaxed afternoon.

4

St Bartholomew's church, Fingest

Unaccompanied tour of Fingest church opposite the Chequers Inn.

14.50

Set off for the next church in Swyncombe.

15.25

5

St Botolph's church, Swyncombe

Unaccompanied tour of the church.

15.45

Set off for the final church and tea with an organ recital.

16.00

6

St Mary the Virgin at Ewelme

Tour of the church with an organ recital by **Tudur Jones** (organist at St David's Catholic church in Tywyn in Gwynedd) and **Ian Quarrington** (organist at the Church of St Leonard at Southoe in Cambridgeshire). Tea and coffee at Ewelme church provided by the ladies of Ewelme one of whom is the daughter of the late Peter Tothill (an RV8 enthusiast) and her husband Dominic Lane-Taylor who is hoping to join us in his MG Magnette that was Peter's project.

16.30

End of the tour

Leave Ewelme for home.

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Important

No part of this event is timed and it is **not a rally or a competitive event**. Many of the roads on our tour are narrow so **great care is necessary**. Please do **not drive in convoys** as this can lead to difficulties in passing oncoming vehicles in narrow lanes and it will cause frustration and annoyance for local people.

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