



Bridgwater & District Archaeological Society

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The City of Wells and the Bishop's Palace

Thursday 14th September 2017

Leaving Bridgwater Bus Station at 09.00, the minibus will take us to the Wells Museum where we will pick up a local guide who will take us around the City of Wells. We will see, and learn more about, Vicars' Close, some of the back streets, the High St, almshouses etc. The tour will take around an hour and a half.

After a break for lunch/refreshments we will meet again at the entrance to the Bishop's Palace at 1.00pm, where will pick up another guide who will tell us more about:

Palace Buildings - We will hear about the history of the 800-year-old Palace building and how bishops have shaped the building. We will inspect the Long Gallery and the extensive collection of portraits of bishops; see the Coronation Cope and marvel at the Bishop's Chapel.

Palace Grounds - This guided tour will walk our group through the history and development of the site from the 1200s to the present-day developments. As we progress around the grounds our guide will point out significant sights, explain how water has shaped the site and the surrounding areas, tell stories of medieval banquets and dragons, and guide us to the historic wells from which the City takes its name.

After these tours of the Palace and the grounds, which will take around an hour and a quarter, we will be free to wander around at leisure.

We will return to the minibus at 3.00pm for our journey back.

The cost of the day will be £20 per person, which includes travel, entrance fees and all the tours.

In case of emergency on the day only, contact Paul Sterlini on: 07491 329689

To book your place please complete the form below and **return** it with your cheque (payable to 'BDAS') to:

Mrs. Jill Polak, Wainbridge, Otterhampton, Bridgwater TA5 2PT, by the 17th August.

Wells Tour: Thursday 14th September.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel No./Mobile _____ e mail _____

I enclose a cheque for £ @ £20 per person, made payable to 'BDAS'