



COMING EVENTS - SPRING 1987

BERKSHIRE THROUGH THE AGES

A W.E.A. course of 10 meetings commencing Thursday, 30th April, 7.30-9.30 pm. to be held at the University, London Road. Tutors, Mr S.W. Taylor BA and Miss K.A.Powell MA. Fee:£12.50

By providing a visual and literary glimpse into the past of our Royal County through both architecture and documentary sources, it is hoped that students will become aware of the history surrounding them. Visits to local places of historic interest will form an integral part of the course.

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TRACING THE HISTORY OF A PUBLIC HOUSE

A W.E.A. Day School on Saturday, 16th May, 9.30am - 5pm, at the University, London Road. Tutor, Mrs Judith Hunter BSc. Fee: £4.70.

During the day we shall investigate some of the great variety of records and other sources of information which can be used to trace the history of a public house - and the fun and frustration of so doing.

Further details and application forms for these are available from:

Centre for Extramural & Continuing Education,
University of Reading,
London Road,
Reading RG1 5AQ
(Tel: 875234 ext 230)

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THE BERKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE AND READING ABBEY'S LINKS WITH COMPOSTELLA
Day School at The Abbey Gateway, Saturday, 25th April, 9.30am-5.00pm. Fee: £4.70 Tutors: Mr DH Farmer BLitt FSA FRHistS, Dr BR Kemp BA PhD FRHistS FSA, Miss C Reynolds MA

This day school will examine pilgrimage in medieval life and art, and Reading Abbey as a centre of healing, linked by the hand of St James to the major pilgrimage to St James at Compostella in Spain.

Bookings may be made through the Extramural Office, Reading University. Address as above.

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ADVANCE NOTICE:

WEEKEND EXCURSION - EARLY MAY

The theme of the weekend will be "Monasticism and Pilgrimage." The party will travel by coach leaving Reading in the mid-morning of Friday, 1st May to Kings Lynn where accommodation will be provided for two nights at the Hotel Mildenhall. The main visits will be to Castle Acre to see the remains of the Cluniac Priory (remembering that Reading Abbey began as a Cluniac foundation with monks from Cluny itself) and Walsingham where a pilgrimage site continues alive to the present day unlike our Abbey here in Reading where pilgrims to the Hand of St James ceased at the dissolution. Other sites will be visited in the Kings Lynn area. There will also be stops at places of interest en route. The coach will arrive back in Reading at about 6.30 pm on Sunday, 2nd May.

Costs have yet to be worked out but it is hoped to provide accommodation with breakfast and evening meal and travel for £60.

Further particulars are available from the tour leader, Mrs Edna Goodburn, 12, Flintgrove, Bracknell, Berks. Tel: Bracknell 425774.

STOP PRESS:

Particulars of the two evening 'walkabout' meetings have just arrived:

Thursday, 11th June. 'The West Side'. A fresh look at Russell Street, Baker Street and the surrounding area with Ken Major as our guide. Meet 7.30 pm outside Holy Trinity Church.

Thursday, 2nd July. The Abbey Ruins. An exploration of the Abbey led by James Gafford. Meet 7.00 pm beside the Lion.