



The Chester Civic Trust

A Church, an Art Deco Cinema and a Hard Hat Tour

Wednesday, 28th June 2017

Our first stop is **St George's Church, Heaviley**. Geoff Brandwood, who spoke to us in 2012 on *The Architecture of Sharpe, Paley and Austin*, regards St George as Austin's greatest work. Simon Jenkins in *England's Thousand Best Churches* agrees with Archbishop Fisher, who called it 'the finest parish church built since the Reformation'.

The church, which can seat 1,200, has a perpendicular Gothic Revival exterior; the inside furnishings move to Art Nouveau.

We next go to **The Plaza Cinema, Stockport**. The Plaza Super Cinema and Variety Theatre was opened in 1932. It is a Grade II* Listed Building, because of its superb Art Deco exterior and interior. It also has a Compton Theatre Organ. We will have a guided tour of the cinema followed by a light sandwich and cake lunch.

We then go to our 'adopted' project, **Wythenshawe Hall**. We visited it last year in the aftermath of the fire, which gutted a large part of the interior. This year we will be given a hard hat guided tour of the site to see the extent of the renovations.

We will do this in two small groups. The group not being shown around the property will be with the Friends of Wythenshawe Hall or may wish to take a walk in the park. The groups will then swap over. We expect to leave the hall at about 4.30 p.m.

This trip is limited to 32 participants, because of safety reasons. We will notify you by phone or e-mail about your success in obtaining places.

Because of the places we are visiting there will be no morning coffee. Some of you may wish to bring a flask.

The cost of the visit is £39 to include a donation to St George, two tours and entrance fee, coach, light lunch and gratuities.

We leave Handbridge at 8.30 am, the Railway Station at 8.35 am and Boughton at 8.40 am

Chester Civic Trust Visit to Heaviley, Stockport and Wythenshawe

To book please complete this slip and enclose a cheque payable to Chester Civic Trust.
Please note: Tickets will not be issued but you will be notified by telephone or email.

Name(s) _____

Tel No _____

Email _____

I enclose cheque for £ for places at **£.39.00** each

I wish to be picked up at: Handbridge / Railway Station / Boughton

Please return to: Chester Civic Trust, Bishop Lloyd's Palace, 51/53 Watergate Row South,
Chester, CH1 2LE