



The Chester Civic Trust

DOUGLAS IN SANDIWAY: A SHORT WALK

Monday 29 September 2014

Continuing our John Douglas theme and following our successful visit to Vale Royal Abbey, we are taking a walking tour of Sandiway. We will be guided around our walk by Marian Harris, a Reader at St. John's Church and Margaret Sherry, a local artist who has done some fine drawings of the church. Both are Douglas enthusiasts.

We make our own way to Sandiway and meet at the Blue Cap Inn, which is located on the Chester Road (CW8 2DN), at 11.00am for tea and coffee (included) and introductions. The walk begins at 11.30 am and is approximately 1 mile in length with frequent stops to view Douglas related buildings. On our walk we visit St John Evangelist church (1902-03).

Highlights of the tour will include: John Douglas's birthplace; an 1879 Model Cottage listed Grade II, and St John the Evangelist church, described by Edward Hubbard as veritable treasure house.

We return to the Blue Cap at around 1.30 pm where those who choose to do so, may stay and lunch (own arrangements). The inn is historically interesting, being named after a famous foxhound of the Tarporley Hunt. An obelisk from 1772 still exists, erected in his honour, and with a commemorating ditty,

'If Fame, Honour and Glory depend on the Deed,
Then O Bluecap, rare Bluecap, well boast of thy Breed'.

If you do stay for lunch we advise you look out for offers, such as free vouchers for additional courses with main meals, which are also shown on the Chef and Brewer web site. There are concessions for CAMRA members holding their membership card, on cask ales.

The charge for this trip is £4.50 to include tea or coffee on arrival at the Blue Cap, and contribution to St John Church. Please note transport is not provided so please indicate on the attached form whether you need a lift in a car from a fellow member, or, if you are able to offer transport to others.

Please book by Tuesday 1 July. Tickets will not be issued. We will notify you that your booking is confirmed, by email or telephone.

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THE CHESTER CIVIC TRUST - VISIT TO SANDIWAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2014

Please reserve place(s) for this visit at £4.50 per person.. I enclose a cheque payable to **Chester Civic Trust** in the sum of £.....

NAME(S).....

Email: Tel. No:

Drink on arrival: tick box for tea [] or coffee []

I can provide transport for [] number people living nearby my home: please state home postcode []

I need transport for [] number people.

I would like to be collected from: please indicate address:[.....].

Please return the form to THE HON SECRETARY, CHESTER CIVIC TRUST OFFICE, BISHOP LLOYD'S PALACE, 51/53 WATERGATE ROW, CHESTER CHI 2LE not later than Tuesday 1 July. Enquiries Tel. 01244 318415