

AIA Bath Conference 2023 - Visits

Sunday: Museum of Bath at Work

Coaches for all to the museum. The Mayor of Bath is booked to attend. The Chairman will introduce the Mayor and the President will welcome him/her. Drinks by courtesy of David & Ollie Perrett.

Monday 4 September:

B Bristol Docks

A walk through Bristol Docks.

We hope to visit the City Museum store at M Shed and the MV Balmoral (under restoration), reaching Underfall Yard for lunch. Tour Underfall Yard before going on to Cumberland Basin and Brunel's swivel bridge.

There is a bit of walking but it is on the level and will be leisurely.

C Brislington & Brandy Bottom

Temple Meads old station (We are negotiating a tour). Brislington Tram Depot, Black Castle (drive by), Newcomen Engine House (drive by), Kingswood Heritage Museum, lunch at Warmley Waiting Room where the signal box will be opened for us, Brandy Bottom Colliery.

Evening: Talk by the Clifton Bridgemaster, Trish Johnson, and Julia Elton on the Clifton Suspension Bridge

Tuesday 5 September:

D Kennet & Avon Canal

Walk along canal past Widcombe Flight to Sydney Gardens, Claverton Pump (will not be working due to cracks), Brassknocker Basin (lunch) for walk to Dundas Aqueduct, Saltford Brass Mill.

Ferry Lane to Claverton will involve a ten minute walk but a car will be available to ferry those who need it.

E Clifton

Full tour of the Suspension Bridge including the abutments, Clifton Observatory camera obscura (lunch), Clifton Rocks Railway (under reconstruction) and, if time, Goldney Hall Newcomen engine house.

The three locations are close together but linked by steep but short footpaths.

Evening: Talk by Shane Gould on Radstock and the Somerset Coalfield

Wednesday 6 September:

F Shepton Mallet and Radstock

Paulton Canal Basin of the Somersetshire Coal Canal, then to Shepton Mallet Prison for a conducted tour. Lunch at the prison. A short walk around Radstock will be followed by a visit to Somerset Coalfield Life at Radstock Museum.

G Kemble & Wroughton

Air Salvage International, aircraft dismantling facility at Cotswold Airfield then to the Science Museum Store at Wroughton.

This visit is limited to 20 participants

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