

Saturday 11th May 2019

Outing to Chilvers Coton for a George Eliot themed afternoon.

1.45 pm Meet at **Griff House Beefeater, Coventry Road, Nuneaton CV10 7PJ** where we will hear a short history of Griff House, Eliot's childhood home, and find out about the plans for its redevelopment with John Burton and David Paterson.

Short car journey to park at **Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre, Coventry Road, Nuneaton CV11 4LU**.

2.30 pm Walk across the road to **All Saints Church**, where we hear about the unique history of the church and its links to Eliot's family, including a chance to visit the graveyard and some of the Evans family graves, with Russell Hogben.

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm Back over the road for a tour of **Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre**, once a school built by the Newdigate family in the 18th century, which now houses and preserves the memories of local communities, including several links to George Eliot. After a short introduction by John Burton, Chairman of the Heritage Centre, visitors will be free to explore the Centre for themselves, including the Victorian parlour and Museum of Memories, which includes some community curated exhibitions.

4.30 pm Tea is served at the **Heritage Centre**

Cost and How to Book

Members £18 each, guests £21 each. For more information on this event, or to book a ticket, please contact Rowan Fisher email rowanfisher367@gmail.com or call 07507 293669, stating how many tickets you would like and whether there are any special needs (eg, dietary, mobility) we need to be aware of. Alternatively, print off the booking form (available on the events page of the WLHS website) and send to Rowan Fisher, 43 Gresham Avenue, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QP.

Parking

Parking is at the Griff House Beefeater, Coventry Road, Nuneaton, CV10 7PJ and then at the Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre, Coventry Road, Nuneaton CV11 4LU. Parking is free at both venues.

Facilities and Access

There are toilets at all three venues. There is accessibility for wheelchair users and we are on the ground floor at all venues. Some of the outing will take place outside (looking at the buildings at Griff House and in the graveyard at All Saints Church) and some of the ground is a little uneven, so please dress appropriately.

Directions to Griff House

From the South: Take the A444 to Nuneaton. You will come to a big roundabout with a McDonalds on it, take the 5th exit onto Coventry Rd/B4113 and the pub will be on your right.

From Nuneaton: Follow the A444 out of Nuneaton. You will come to a big roundabout with a McDonalds on it, take the 3rd exit onto Coventry Rd/B4113 and the pub will be on your right.

Directions from Griff House to Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre (about 5 minutes drive): Turn left out of Griff House Beefeater. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto A444. Stay on the A444 until you come to a big roundabout next to a railway bridge. Take the 2nd exit onto Avenue Rd/A4254. The Heritage Centre is almost immediately on your left hand side. Park here, and All Saints Church is opposite.

Our lunch suggestion is the Griff House Beefeater (where we start the tour); 024 7634 3584.
<https://www.beefeater.co.uk/steak-restaurant/Warwickshire/Griff-House-Nuneaton.html>