

U3A HISTORIC BUILDINGS – PROGRAMME FOR 2024 (rev 4th April)

DATE	VENUE & DETAILS
Wednesday 10 th April 10:30 AM	<i>Cirencester Guided Walk.</i> A guided walk around the town centre led by guides from Cirencester Civic Society. Duration 1.5hrs max. Accessibility – pavement walking only, no seating, we are not entering any buildings. Car share. We will be collecting a donation of £5pp to go to the Civic Society funds.
Thursday 9 th May PM	<i>Stanway House, Fountain & Water Mill</i> Private group tour of this perfect example of a Cotswolds manor that's been lived in by the same family since the 16th century. Outside, we will marvel at the amazing gravity fountain which has been recorded at 300ft. Then we'll see the restored working flour mill with its massive waterwheel. See https://www.stanwayfountain.co.uk/plan-your-visit.html 1.5hr duration. Accessibility – stairs etc - not recommended for limited mobility members. Car share. £15pp. NB the venue can't offer refreshments, but there are 2 pubs nearby.
Sunday 12 th May 10:00 AM	<i>Frocester Court & Manor</i> A Sunday morning visit to hear about this hidden gem, not far from Tetbury. Our guide will be Arthur Price, who farms the land. See https://www.wottonheritage.com/frocester-court-medieval-estate-barn-a13 for what we may see on the day. Accessibility – this is a working farm, uneven ground. Car share. £7pp inc coffee/tea. Small group size
Wednesday 5 th June All day	<i>Sezincote</i> In the heart of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. See https://www.sezincote.co.uk/ Accessibility – see website. We have booked 2 guided tour slots for the House in the morning. Free time afterwards to visit the extensive grounds and the Orangery for refreshments (not included). Car share.£15pp
Tuesday 2 nd July All day	<i>Eastnor Castle</i> Eastnor Castle lies in Herefordshire at the foot of the Malvern Hills on the edge of the Cotswolds. It is surrounded by a beautiful deer park, arboretum and lake. See: https://eastnorcastle.com/ Private opening & tour. Accessibility – see https://eastnorcastle.com/access-for-all/ Car share. £30pp inc entrance, castle tour followed by lunch (sandwiches, cake, tea & coffee). Free time afterwards to visit the extensive grounds.
Monday 29 th July 2:00 PM	<i>Woodchester Priory – Church of the Annunciation</i> A guided tour of the Church by a local historian. The Church was built by William Leigh to compliment nearby Woodchester Mansion. The tour will be led by a village historian. The Church is Grade 1 listed and has many Victorian Gothic features inc splendid stained glass and paintings. We will visit the crypt where William Leigh is buried, alongside the Archbishop of Corfu! Accessibility is good except for the crypt. Car share. £5pp
Wednesday 14 th August AM	<i>Corsham Court</i> Corsham Court is a privately owned stately home with a significant art collection. The gardens are also well worth visiting. See: https://www.corsham-court.co.uk/ Accessibility – please see the website statement. Private tour £12.50pp. No on-site catering, but a wide variety of eateries on the High Street.
Wednesday September 4 th PM	<i>Painswick guided walk</i> A guided walk around the town led by guides from Painswick Local History Society. Duration 1.5hrs max. Accessibility – we will be split into smaller groups, one specifically level walking only. Car share. We will be collecting a donation of £5pp to go to the History Society funds
Tuesday 22 nd October AM or PM	<i>Gloucester Prison.</i> A private tour around the historic (but now closed) prison led by an ex-prison governor. See: https://www.gloucester-prison.co.uk/ Accessibility – limited access to some areas but all guests get to see as much as possible. Probably 1 group AM/1 group PM. Car share – on site parking. £15pp.