



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master: Ron Wood

Dear Member,

28 February 2015

Visit to Bucolic Essex, Tuesday 19 May 2015

Visits: The Three Horseshoes pub at Duton, near Great Dunmow, and the historic town of Thaxted.

Lunch: The Swan Hotel, Thaxted, at 1.00pm.

Travel to Bishop's Stortford (at your own arrangement and expense): Recommended train departs Liverpool Street at 10.10, calls Tottenham Hale (Victoria Line interchange) at 10.21, arrives Bishop's Stortford at 10.45. Return train departs Bishop's Stortford at 16.09, arrives Liverpool Street at 16.47.

Derek Connell, an Aldersgate Ward Club member, has invited us to join him for a day out in bucolic Essex.

On arrival at Bishop's Stortford station we shall board a vintage Bedford coach, which will be our 'transport of delight' for the day.

Our first stop will be The Three Horseshoes, a traditional drinkers' pub in the small village of Duton, where Derek Connell is the publican. He will pour us all a pint (or cup of coffee) while we peruse the unusual and eccentric surroundings. Then Derek will introduce us to his famous collection of postage stamps, all featuring some connection with London.

We shall then drive through the Essex countryside to the historic market town of Thaxted, for lunch. This will be served in the Swan Hotel, where we shall enjoy a main course and sweet, accompanied by a drink of your choice.

After lunch, we shall have a guided tour of Thaxted's magnificent parish church, which dates back to the fourteenth century and has strong connections with the Guild of Master Cutlers. There are many other historic buildings to view as we explore this ancient town on foot, most notably the Guildhall, Dick Turpin's cottage, the home of Gustav Holst, and the famous John Webb windmill.

We shall leave Thaxted at 3.30pm, and arrive back in London before 5 o'clock.

I do hope you will want to join me and Derek for this interesting day out. *Ron.*

To: Ron Wood,

You will be notified when I receive your application. If you don't hear, please contact me.

I wish to apply for places on the visit to **Bucolic Essex**, @ £46.00 (*excl. travel to Bishop's Stortford*).

I enclose a cheque for the total sum of £..... payable to 'Aldersgate Ward Club'.

Name

Address

Email or Phone

Name(s) of guest(s)