



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master: Dr Antony J Richards

Website: www.aldersgatewardclub.co.uk

- Event:** *Fawley Hill* and *Midsomer Murders* coach tour.
Date: Wednesday 2nd May 2018.
Meet: 9.30 am at Barbican with return at 7.30 pm
Location: A tour of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.
Numbers: Maximum of 29 persons.
Cost: **£70** – inclusive of coach travel, 2-course lunch, private tour of Fawley Hill and afternoon tea at Long Crendon Manor.
Travel: Silk Street, Barbican. Other pick-ups/drop-offs may be available en route so please enquire.



Our morning drive will take us via the *Midsomer Murders* locations of Iver Heath, Bray, Littlewick Green and Beaconsfield arriving at Marlow in time for our 2-course pub lunch. Following our lunch at The Britannia we will travel just a couple of miles to Fawley Hill where by private invitation of Sir William and Lady McAlpine we will have a tour of his own railway museum and station (it is not expected that anything will be in steam that day).

An acknowledged railway enthusiast, Sir William purchased his first locomotive, a Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0ST No.31, for its scrap value of £100 in 1961. He moved it to his country estate and built a standard gauge private railway which now runs to over a mile long, combining the steepest gradient at 1:13 on a British railway, and includes;

The former GER Somersham railway station and director's observation coach; the former Midland Railway signal box from Shobnall Maltings, a footbridge from Brading and a bridge also from the Isle of Wight. In addition, the perimeter of the railway line is adorned with several prominent architectural features which Sir William acquired – although these were received mostly as donations; these include the original Wembley Stadium Flagpoles, some early cast-iron bridge parapets, and several arched structures from prominent London locations. His personal museum is on a par with the National Railway Museum in York for railway interest.

Back on the coach we will travel via a couple of other *Midsomer Murders* sites to Long Crendon Manor (scene of several murders) where we will have an afternoon tea before our return to London.

Booking Form

Fawley Hill and *Midsomer Murders* coach tour.
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Please return to Dr Antony J Richards.

I wish to reserve: ___ place/s at **£70.00 each** for the above event and enclose a cheque for a total of £___ made payable to Aldersgate Ward Club. Payment by BACS direct to the club is also acceptable.

N.B. For those who might live in the Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire area and do not wish to come to London to pick up the coach it may be possible for you to use your own transport and meet us for lunch/Fawley Hill/Long Crendon – Please contact the Master for further details and costs.

CLOSING DATE – MONDAY 16th APRIL 2018

Name:

Name of Guest:

Address:

Telephone: Email:

Requests for pick-up/drop-off:

