

## Members' Coach Trip: Thursday 20th July 2017

### Hill Barn Farm, Snowhill, Broadway (home of Cotswold Lavender)



Hill Barn is a third generation family farm set in the heart of the beautiful Cotswold Hills overlooking Broadway and the Vale of Evesham. Lavender was first planted here in 2000 in fields previously used to grow wheat and barley. The lavender loves the free draining limestone soils 1,000 feet above sea level which gives the best growing conditions and yields the highest quality English lavender essential oils.



There are 35 different varieties of lavender, some 70 miles of rows, and 250,000 plants in total. Crops are steam distilled on the farm and made into a wide range of unique lavender products, all proudly made in Great Britain.

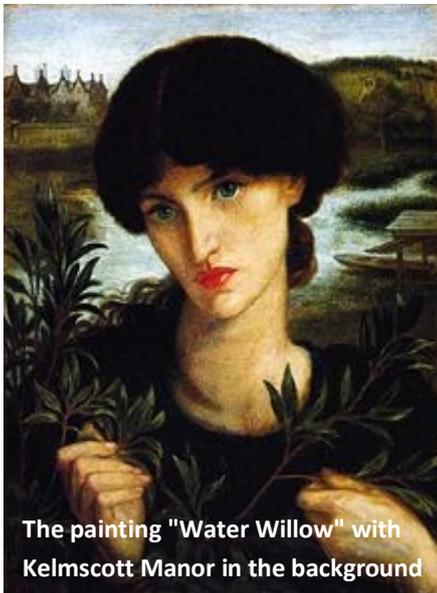
- Walk the fields when Lavender is in full bloom.
- See harvesting and distillation when they take place (usually end of July)
- The Tea Room serves morning snacks, light lunches, cream teas and cakes

The full range of products is available in the Gift Shop.

[www.cotswoldlavender.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldlavender.co.uk)

### Kelmscott Manor

Kelmscott Manor was the inspirational Cotswold retreat of William Morris and his family, friends and colleagues. When Morris first saw the Manor in 1871, he was delighted by this 'loveliest haunt of ancient peace' and signed a joint lease for the



The painting "Water Willow" with Kelmscott Manor in the background

property with his friend and colleague Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the Pre-Raphaelite artist. Morris named his London residence 'Kelmscott House' and the press that he founded 'the Kelmscott Press' after Kelmscott. He was buried in the village churchyard in a tomb designed by his friend and colleague Philip Webb. The internal decor today is substantially that of Morris, and includes many of his famous textile patterns as well as much of his furniture. There is a display of his textile designs in the converted loft, which would originally have been used for farm labourers. His bedroom contains many of his original books, and a collection of Dürer prints.

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### Book Now!

Tickets: £32.50/person  
Please make cheques out to 'Stoneygate Conservation Area Society' and send to:  
Arthur Stafford, 20 Waldale Drive, Leicester LE2 2AR  
(Telephone: 2702017)



Morris loved the house as a work of true craftsmanship, totally unspoilt and unaltered and in harmony with the village and surrounding countryside. It remains much as it was left after his death. Visitors to the seventeenth-century manor (now Grade 1 listed) can still experience the beauty and seclusion that inspired many of William Morris's most important designs and writings and influenced his ideas on conservation of both the built and natural environments. Before 1871 when it became a place of relaxation and inspiration for Morris, his family and his friends, Kelmscott had been home to successful yeoman farmers. The fascinating and important collections span more than 300 years and reflect the history, ideas and creative legacy of all those who lived and worked there.

The garden includes many old trees, including a very old black mulberry at the rear of the house. The front garden is walled with a summer house in one corner, and both the wall and the summerhouse are



Grade II listed. The front garden contains many standard roses. Although part of the original orchard has been removed to make a small car park, many fruit trees remain.

In addition to the house and gardens, you can explore the licensed Tea Room and lovely gift shop.

[www.sal.org.uk/kelmscott-manor](http://www.sal.org.uk/kelmscott-manor)



### Outline Programme for the Day:

- 08.15 Meet at Glebe Road, entrance to the Botanic Gardens
- 08.30 Board Woods Coach
- 10.15 Arrive at Cotswold Lavender  
Coffee Break (payable locally)  
Option to view lavender fields (£3.50 extra)  
Time to visit shop with local lavender products etc
- 11.30 Reboard Coach
- 12.45 Arrive Kelmscott Manor. Light lunches available (not included)  
Option to visit the not-to-be missed gardens
- 14.30 Introductory 20 minute talk about Kelmscott  
Free-flow tour of the house  
*(with knowledgeable stewards stationed in every room)*
- 16.00 Tea or coffee & biscuits
- 16.30 Board the return bus
- 18.45 Arrive back in Leicester



To: Arthur Stafford, 20 Waldale Drive, Leicester LE2 2AR

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the SCAS members' coach trip to Kelmscott Manor on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

I enclose a cheque (*made payable to 'Stoneygate Conservation Area Society'*) for \_\_\_\_\_ (£32.50 per person)

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