

GLHA Summer Afternoon – Saturday 24 June 2017

We are very pleased to invite you to spend an afternoon in our Historic Market Town, situated at the confluence of the Rivers Severn and Avon and once the hub of a national Mail Coach network. We have been left with a variety of fascinating historical buildings which have lured generations of tourists from all over the world.

We meet in the **Tewkesbury's Old Baptist Chapel**, in [62-63] Church Street [GL20 5RZ]

1.30 pm: Doors Open. Tea/coffee/c old drinks available. Local History Display

2.00 pm Welcome by **Dr. Steven Blake, Chair of GLHA**
An Introduction to Historical Tewkesbury by **John Dixon, President of THS.**

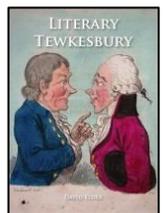
2.30 pm Group Activities

There will be three groups from which to choose

Option 1: A walking Tour of Tewkesbury's Treasures. This will be a walk along Tewkesbury's three main streets to see its historic buildings and its mysterious alleyways. It is of 75 minute duration and takes place on [more or less] flat pavements. # **This will be more suitable for those with limited mobility.**

Option 2: A Walking Tour of *Hidden Tewkesbury* - shall experience the remnants of the **stocking and fairground machinery industry**, ponder on the cause of **two cholera epidemics**; sample the remains of an **attempted industrial revolution** which involved a **railway branch line and a steam powered Malting and Flour Mill** and remember that Tewkesbury was once an **important inland port and boatbuilding centre**. **This is only suitable for those of robust mobility.**

Option 3: A Tour of *Literary Tewkesbury* led by the author of the book, **David Elder**. He will demonstrate that Tewkesbury, over the centuries of its history, has frequently 'dripped' from the pages of literature - from **Shakespeare to Ivor Gurney** and from **Sir Walter Scott to Charles Dickens** to name but a few. Yet writers have also provided more intimate portraits of the town they have loved and cherished – whether it is faintly disguised as the '*queer unique*' *Elmbury* of Tewkesburian novelist, **John Moore**, or the *Norton Bury* of **Mrs Craik's** most celebrated novel *John Halifax, Gentleman*.



4.00-5.00 pm **Afternoon Tea** at the ***Touching Souls Café*** at Tewkesbury Abbey's Parish Rooms to include sandwiches and cake, after which the afternoon will end

There will be a display of Publications and opportunity to purchase *Literary Tewkesbury*

Cost £9 per person to include afternoon tea.

For those who wish to make a day of their visit, there a plenty of restaurants and coffee houses from which to choose.

We hope for excellent summer weather but visitors should be prepared for the weather conditions of the day.

Booking Form

Please return to **Janet Martin** at the address below by **31st May 2017** with a **cheque** payable to *Tewkesbury Historical Society*:

Janet Martin: Bantry, The Rampings, Longdon, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 6AJ
Email: secretary@tewkhs.freeuk.com **phone:** 01684 290452

Every effort will be made to allocate visitors to their preferred option but, depending on demand, we are unable to guarantee this.

We will confirm your booking by email with a map and information about access to the venues and parking.

Please note that the day also coincides with “**Tewkesbury Food Festival**”. The bonus might be free car parking on Pageant Meadow, off Gander Lane. It will be signposted as parking for the “*Tewkesbury Food Festival*”.

Please let us know if you have any **special dietary requirements** for afternoon tea.

Name of your History Group

Name of contact

Address

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Email address **Telephone**

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Total number of tickets required at £9 each: £.....

Total cost: £

Please send one cheque for the total cost payable to *Tewkesbury Historical Society*.

We look forward to meeting you on 24 June.