

Welford and Weston Local History Society
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Our new programme starts with a visit to Chedhams Yard, Wellesbourne and to the Georgian Chapel, Walton Hall, on 4th June. This will be a morning visit, starting at 10:15 a.m. that will be followed by an optional lunch at The Kings Head, Wellesbourne. The cost of the visit will be £10 per head for members and £12 per head for guests.

Chedhams Yard won the BBC Restoration Village competition in 2006 and is a fascinating 'time capsule' of the workshops where the Chedham family worked for over 150 years as blacksmiths and wheelwrights. You will be given a engaging guided tour of these original buildings, discover a vanished way of life and even have a go at putting together a cartwheel. In addition to the yard itself there is a visitor centre, where you can watch a short film about the history of the yard and see footage of the wheelwright and blacksmith at work.

Lady Elizabeth Hamilton will host the visit to the Georgian Chapel at Walton Hall. She will cover the history of this lovely Chapel and interweave this with her own personal history on coming to live as a young bride at Walton.

Depending on the level of interest in this visit, we may have to split the group into two smaller groups. This is due to space restrictions at Chedhams Yard and will ensure that everybody gets a really good view, rather than looking at the back of the person in front of them. In this case one of the groups will start at Chedhams and the other at Walton Chapel and then travel to the alternate venue.

This will be a self drive event. We'll try and organise a car sharing scheme. If you are interested in joining the visit please contact any committee member.

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