

SHROPSHIRE ART SOCIETY

SATURDAY GALLERY TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM – Saturday 21st September 2024

A day trip to Birmingham is planned for Saturday 21st September 2024, with return coach travel provided from the Abbey car park, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury. The coach will leave Shrewsbury at 9.00 am and return from Birmingham at 4.00 pm. The journey is approximately 1 ¼ hours in length. Friends and family of members are also welcome to attend.

Following the pandemic, there have been many changes generally to Museums and Art Galleries, mainly causing a lack of specific exhibitions. Things are now starting to improve, with a limited number of exhibitions taking place. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery was completely closed for renovations for many months in 2023 and into 2024, but they have just launched a new exhibition entitled, 'Victorian Radicals', celebrating three generations of British artists including the Pre-Raphaelites, William Morris and his circle, and a variety of notable artists from the Arts and Crafts movement. The extensive display includes vibrant paintings, drawings, jewellery, glass, textiles and metalwork. The collection belongs to Birmingham Art Gallery but has recently returned from a five-year tour of the USA, so has not been seen in Birmingham for a good while. At this moment, the rest of the Museum is unfortunately still closed, but as the trip is planned for September, there is a good chance that other areas will be open by the time this trip comes round.

After viewing the exhibition, the coach will take us on to the RBSA, the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, which is less than 1 mile away (so if people prefer to walk, it's entirely possible – walking directions will be given). The RBSA has some exciting exhibitions which change frequently, but as they don't list that far ahead, I'm afraid I can't tell you what will be on. However, I can confirm that it will be of a high quality, and exciting! Cafes and refreshment places are everywhere in the city, and a map showing these will be given before the event, so that members may make their own lunch arrangements.

Birmingham is, of course, a great city, with many shops, great architecture and iconic landmarks, and we will be placed in the heart of the city, so anyone wishing to come to spend the day shopping or sightseeing is very welcome! As long as you are there to meet the coach at our departure point (TBA), the day is yours!

Travel has also been significantly affected by the pandemic, and costs have risen dramatically. The return coach fare for the day will therefore be £21 (based on a minimum number of participants; the trip will not be able to go ahead if this number is not reached). There is also a charge for the 'Victorian Radicals' exhibition, which is £11 for adults and £6 for concessions.

If you would like to take part in this day trip to Birmingham, please complete the form below and return it to: Gallery Trips Organiser, 23 Wellmeadow, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV15 6DG **as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 31st July.**

If you have any questions about the trip, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07733 316992, or on email at gallerytripsorganiser@gmail.com

Beverley Wightman
Gallery Trips Organiser

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BOOKING FORM – SATURDAY GALLERY TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM – Saturday 21st September 2024

I/we would like to join the Saturday Gallery Trip to Birmingham on 21st September 2024

Name

Address

Email (please print)

Phone: Landline Mobile

No. of coach tickets required (@ £21 per person)

No. of tickets for the Victorian Radicals required:

Adults @ £11

Concessions @ £6

Total cost for trip: £

Please tick ONE to indicate your payment method and complete as appropriate with your TOTAL:

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Shropshire Art Society

I have paid £ via PayPal via the Payments page of the Society's website
(please use the payment code BG2024)

If you have paid by PayPal and wish to email the form rather than posting, please scan and email to me
Beverley at gallerytripsorganiser@gmail.com

Otherwise, please return by post to: Gallery Trips Organiser, 23 Wellmeadow, Bridgnorth, Shropshire
WV15 6DG.

Closing date for receipt of completed forms: **Wednesday 31st July**

Note: you must be a member of the Shropshire Art Society to use this Form, thank you!