



Thames Valley Network

KELMSCOTT, Summer home of William Morris

Study Day August 30 2019



Kelmscott Manor is a limestone manor in the Cotswold village of Kelmscott, near Lechlade. It dates from around 1570, with a late 17th-century wing, and is Grade I listed. It is probably the most evocative of all the houses associated with Morris and contains an outstanding collection of the possessions and works of Morris, his family and his Arts & Crafts associates, including furniture, original textiles, pictures, carpets, ceramics and metalwork. We are lucky to have this opportunity to visit the manor, as thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for maintenance etc. the manor is closed for 2020.

The day will take the form of lectures and a guided tour of the house, garden and the village. The plenary and introductory speaker will be Dr. Kathy Haslam, curator and specialist in Morris and the Arts & Crafts Movement. She has held curatorial posts at many prestigious museums before she took up her post at Kelmscott.

Program for the day is as follows:

10.00	Arrival, Registration, Coffee
10.30	Introductory talk
11.00 –	Party 1 - Guided tour
12.15	Party 2 – Visit to gardens, shop, village incl. church
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1.30 – 2.30	Buffet lunch
2.40	Reconvene for lecture in the Morris Memorial Hall for the keynote address to be given by Dr. Kathy Haslam- “North meets South; William Morris’s Melancholy Beauties, followed by Q&A at 3.40pm, after which we return to Kelmscott Manor for departure

PLEASE NOTE: There is parking for the disabled in the manor grounds, but only the ground floor is reachable for disabled delegates, although there is recorded information for those who cannot go upstairs. (Please inform us if any assistance is required). The Manor is approximately a 10 minute walk from the car park.

Directions will be detailed in joining instructions along with further information which be circulated one month before the event. The fee for the day is £32 per person to include participation in the full programme, buffet lunch and refreshments on arrival. Please contact Gill for any further enquiries on 01189723664 or gill.ledu@btinternet.com.