



Visits to Basingstoke No. 1

Despite piecemeal Victorian development and a vast 1960s shopping centre, much still survives. This is the first of three visits to help piece together the development of this important Hampshire town.

Sunday 12th September: Holy Ghost Cemetery & South View - 10.30-12.30

Debbie Reavell, Basingstoke Heritage Society, will lead the group around the Cemetery along with the Holy Ghost Chapel with remains dating from 1244; the later graves are mainly C19 but of great interest from a local historical perspective. The suburb of South View, to the north of the cemetery, was developed from the late C19 onwards; there is a mix of ages & styles with St Thomas' Home for the Friendless and Fallen a highlight.

The story of this small part of Basingstoke is a relatively recent one. For centuries, as Basingstoke grew from a cluster of buildings around its parish church of St Michael and a meeting point of roads from Southampton, Andover, Salisbury, London and Reading with a busy coaching trade, little changed in this small part to the north of the town. The Chapel of the Holy Ghost and the town's graveyard, known as the Liten, dates from the time of King John and some centuries later, in the 1520s, the Holy Trinity Chapel was added to the earlier building as a burial place for Sir William Sandys – this in the reign of Henry VIII.

After the enclosure of Basingstoke's common fields, the land at South View was acquired by the May family. The Mays were an old local brewing family. By the time South View was developed the land had come into the ownership of John May (1838-1920) and his brother Thomas (1829- 1870). Both John and Thomas May are buried in the cemetery at South View. The legacy of their, and later, developments will form the basis of the rest of the visit after the cemetery.

Further information, including parking and meeting places, please see:

<http://www.hantsfieldclub.org.uk/sections/landscape.html>

Or ring Mike Broderick – 01256 351624 or email - landscape@hantsfieldclub.org.uk

Cost for **each trip**: Members: £5.00 ~ Non-Members: £8.00 ~ Full-time Students: £4:00

Please send cheques to: James Fautley, 17 Vale Way, Kings Worthy, Winchester, SO23 7LL

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Please reserve place(s) for the Landscape Section Visit No. 1 to Basingstoke:

Places: 1) **Holy Ghost Cemetery** (12/9/21): Members ___ Non-members ___ Students ___

I enclose a cheque for £ ___ payable to **Hants Field Club - Landscape Section**. Cheques will not be cashed until it is certain that the trip will go ahead, In the event of a cancellation, cheques will be destroyed. Email address or SAE for booking confirmation.

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