

# The Arts Society Pewsey Vale

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## VISIT TO DOWNSIDE ABBEY AND BRADLEY HOUSE

WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

**Downside Abbey** is the home to a Community of Benedictine monks. It is probably the least known major Gothic Revival building in Britain. The Abbey Church is Grade 1 listed, impressive both in scale and its wealth of fittings, monuments and art work. Work started in 1814 by Leonard and was completed in 1929 by Giles Gilbert Scott. **The Library** hosts 450,000 highly valuable rare books and materials from the archives.

**Bradley House** is the seat of the Dukes of Somerset. The house itself is a surviving fragment of a much larger early 18<sup>th</sup> century house. What remains is approximately one eighth the size of the original house but remains a handsome Grade 11 listed property with fine furniture, fireplaces and paintings. The Dukedom is the second oldest after the Dukes of Norfolk. Nearby is the Grade 1 listed All Saints Church with 12<sup>th</sup> century origins, it is the principal burial place of many of the Duke's Ancestors.

**ITINERARY** We leave Bouverie Hall car park at 8.00 am. We hope to arrive at Downside by 9.30 for welcome refreshments. We will then be split into two for a guided tour of the Abbey Church and the library. Each tour will last 1 hour app. We have to leave for a buffet lunch in the refectory at 12.00 to allow the services to take place in the church. We leave Downside at 1.00 for Bradley House. On arrival at 1.45 we will be split into 2 or 3 groups and The Duke very much hopes to give us a tour himself if available. We will have a chance to visit the church. We leave for nearby Stourhead at 3.15 app for a tea of your choice with hopefully a glimpse of the autumn colours. We depart for home at 4.45.

**COST: - £47.00 pp.**

**Costs include travel, admissions, morning coffee/tea, guided tours, lunch and gratuities.**

**Applications:** to the address below or at a lecture, together with payment by cheque, (one cheque can be used for all the visits) payable to **The Arts Society Pewsey Vale** or payment by **BACS** to **The Arts Society Pewsey Vale**. Ac No **43922561** sort code **20-05-06**, reference **OCTOBER VISIT**.

*Refunds will not normally be given. However you may send a friend in your place.*

**Please remember that The Arts Society insurance only covers members on any visit.**

**Please send to –Tricia Duncan, Chapel Cottage, Easton Royal, Pewsey SN9 5LY**

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**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency contact Tel No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We intend to join the coach at Pewsey \_\_\_\_\_ Cost £47.00**

**No of Persons ..... Payment £..... BACS ..... Date paid..... Cheque.....**