



**LEICESTERSHIRE FIELDWORKERS COACH TRIP 2017**

***SCYRYUDA – MEDIEVAL SHERWOOD***

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Meet: Leicester - Jewry Wall Museum LE1 4LB at 8:30 am  
Glenfield - Co-Op Store, Station Rd., Glenfield LE3 8BQ at 8:45 am  
Return - c. 6:15 pm

**Led by Andy Gaunt, the acknowledged expert on Medieval Sherwood, the guided tour will visit the most famous historic sites in Sherwood Forest, with expert commentary to bring the landscape and its history to life. The first stop will be Rufford Abbey, the former Cistercian Monastery, where there will be a walking tour around the undercroft of the abbey. The tour will then move on to The Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve. At the nature reserve there will be a 2 hour guided walk through the ancient woodland, with its remarkable oaks, learning about the archaeological remains including medieval trackways and second world war remains along the way. The walking tour will take in the historic woodland of Birklands; home of the world famous *Major Oak* legendary hideaway of Robin Hood, and also the beautiful lowland heath that was once so characteristic of the medieval forest. Along the way we will learn about the forest law, outlaws, medieval kings, hunting, the landscape, and what life was like there in medieval times.**

After lunch we will visit Thynghowe and then on to King John's Palace; the former medieval royal hunting palace that formed the heart of Sherwood Forest in medieval times, there will be a site tour and information on recent excavations and surveys. There will also be a chance to talk to the archaeologists running the project there and see and handle some of the finds. The tour will look at the ruins of the palace and the designed medieval landscape that surrounds it.

The bus will travel between these sites with commentary en route; passing locations of archaeological, historical, and legendary interest as we travel. Along the way we will learn about sites from the prehistoric to present times, sites related to Robin Hood, Maid Marian and Will Scarlet, Bronze Age burial mounds, medieval churches, abbeys, maypoles, saxon burial sites, viking assembly sites, and much more...

Cost: £17.50 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Please direct all enquiries relating to the trip to **Alan Clark 07794 192464** Please read the **notes page** attached.

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Please return to Maynard Davison, Treasurer, Caeri, Hastings Road, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester LE9 2EE

**Cheques made payable to LMAFG**

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for 'SCYRYUDA – MEDIEVAL SHERWOOD' trip @ £17.50 per head

**Total £ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name(s) .....

I wish to take the coach from: - Outside Jewry Wall Museum LE1 4LB ..... **or**  
- At Co-Op Store, Station Rd., Glenfield LE3 8BQ .....  
- Car park space required at Glenfield Co-Op Store – Yes / No

I/we intend to eat at the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre Cafe – Yes / No (Not included in the price)

Home Address .....

Phone ..... E-mail .....



## Notes - Medieval Sherwood Coach Trip 170617

### Eating

We will be spending lunchtime at the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. There is no other venue available in the time that we have. ***Please indicate on your booking form if you are going to use the Centre's cafe*** (we can heartily recommend it). The cafe have asked us if we can supply approximate numbers so that they can ensure that everyone will be catered for. There are daily specials and a complete range of hot and cold meals and snacks as well as a full range of drinks available at very reasonable prices.

There is ample seating accommodation in and around the visitor centre for those who wish to bring their own lunch.

### Dress/footwear

Whilst the trip is scheduled for June please wear stout shoes - walking boots are the appropriate option for Sherwood and bring wet-weather clothes just in case!

### Parking

St. Nicholas Circle (NCP) - early bird before 09:30, £4.50 for the day if leaving the car park before 23:59 on the same day.

Co-Op Glenfield - the store has kindly agreed to let us use it's very large car park for the day. This needs to be arranged and agreed with us before the day. Please indicate your wish to use this facility on the booking form.

### Sherwood - further information (cut and paste the following links into your browser's address line)

<http://mercian-as.co.uk/>

<http://sherwoodforesthistorv.blogspot.co.uk/2013/10/mercian-archaeological-services-cic.html>

<https://sketchfab.com/models/1bfaa1ddb9ee42f2bf06c8cc757af23d>

<http://nlha.org.uk/news/results-mercian-archaeological-services-cics-geophysical-magnetometer-survey-king-johns-palace-clipstone/>

<http://www.thynghowe.org.uk/index.html>

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/country-parks/sherwood-forest>

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/country-parks/rufford-abbey>

<http://www.parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/rufford-abbey/about>