CANTERBURY HISTORICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
A DAY OF WEALDEN CHURCHES
WEDNESDAY, 11th JULY 2018

Our church visits this year are to four Wealden churches beginning at St George Benenden at 10am, where we will have coffee and a short talk. We then visit St Mildred Tenterden arriving at 11.30. We will have a lunch break in Tenterden between 12.30 and 2pm; there are numerous eateries and a large meadow for the picnickers. Our third stop will be at St John the Baptist Small Hythe and we will leave there about 3pm for our final visit to All Saints Woodchurch. Leaving there at 5pm we hope to be back in Canterbury by 6pm.

St George Benenden the medieval church was struck by lightning in 1672 which destroyed a detached wooden bell tower and gutted the nave and chancel. The present tower was finished in 1715 and the post fire nave with its flat roof and Ionic columns was rebuilt in 19th century decorated and perpendicular by David Brandon in 1861-2.

St Mildred Tenterden: the dedication of the church and the town name advertise its connections with Thanet. Pevsner calls the tower the finest of any parish church in Kent, and it dominates the town. Much of the interior fittings including the windows are 19th century, and alterations by Ewan Christian make the interior rather dark. The 15th century font is unusual and worth examination and the churchyard boasts some fine 18th century headstones with allegorical reliefs.

St John the Baptist Small Hythe: a simple three bay rectangle, the church is important as a datable example of early 16th century brickwork. Much of this important shipbuilding settlement was destroyed by fire in 1514and this building replaced the earlier chapel of ease. The 16th century rood screen beam survives, but the glass is from c 1884 by A O Hemming and Co.

All Saints Woodchurch: 'A large robust and complete E E church' whose exterior does not prepare the visitor for the beauty of the interior, which Pevsner describes as 'without doubt beautiful inside, beautiful in its pure and noble sanctuary and, if one prefers a more masculine word, handsome in its nave arcades. Points to note: the Norman font, misericords, royal arms of George lll, fragments of 13th and 15th century glass and three 16th and 17th century Flemish panels.

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I/we wish to join the excursion and enclose a cheque made payable to Canterbury Historical & Archaeological Society.

Cost: **CHAS members** £23 **Non- members** £24

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PICK UP POINT: Please tick as appropriate

New Dover Road P&R 8.00 a.m. ( ) Bus stop by East Station 8.15 a.m. ( ) Vernon Holme 8.30 a.m. ( )

N.B. The plan is to return to Canterbury by about 6pm to 6.30pm traffic permitting!

Please send your completed form with a cheque and a **stamped addressed envelope** for confirmation to:
Gill Wyatt, 33 Buckingham Rd Margate, CT9 5SR Tel: 01843294452/07815505870

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