



The Chester Civic Trust



Floral Pavilion New Brighton

BROMBOROUGH POOL AND BIRKENHEAD PARK TO NEW BRIGHTON

Wednesday 2 July 2014

Following his excellent afternoon excursion to Hill Bark and West Kirby in 2012, Graham Fisher is leading a day-long tour to this eastern sector of the Wirral. We start the day by visiting Bromborough Pool, developed in 1854 onwards to provide working class housing as a planned estate for workers in the nearby Price's Patent Candle Factory. It is an early example of the way that wealthy industrialists recognised the need to create good standards of accommodation and welfare for their workforce. It was a static village for many years, but is now expanding: with new housing, both built and proposed.

We then move on by coach to Birkenhead Park, designed by Joseph Paxton in 1847 and notable in many ways, not least that it was the first to be publically funded to be a 'Peoples' Park'. It was becoming run down towards the end of the last century but Wirral Borough Council, with funding support from national bodies has for the past decade and more, being pursuing a notable restoration plan and programme, some of which we will be able to see for ourselves.

Then on to New Brighton, on the North East tip of the Wirral, where we will take a break for lunch (make own arrangements) before being taken on a guided tour.

Originally envisaged in the 1830's and onwards as an elegant watering hole for the gentlemen of Liverpool, it was only ever partially realized. Latterly it became a miniature seaside resort that served Liverpool and the Wirral. Thanks to its varied history, there are notable churches, villas and structures to see, not least for Cestrians the award winning Floral Pavilion by Ken Martin Architects that houses an 800 seat theatre and conference centre on a site with stunning views over the Mersey.

We depart Handbridge at 9.50 am, Railway station 9.55 am and opposite St Paul's 10.00 am.

We plan to return around 6.00 pm early evening.

Please book by Friday 25 April. Tickets will not be issued. We will notify you that your booking is confirmed, by email or telephone.

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THE CHESTER CIVIC TRUST - VISIT TO WIRRAL 2 JULY 2014

Please reserve place(s) for this visit at £15 per person.. I enclose a cheque payable to **Chester Civic Trust** in the sum of £.....

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Email: Tel. No:

Join Coach at [] Handbridge 9.50 am [] Railway Station 9.55 am [] Opposite St Paul's 10.00 am

Please return the form to THE HON SECRETARY, CHESTER CIVIC TRUST OFFICE, BISHOP LLOYD'S PALACE, 51/53 WATERGATE ROW, CHESTER CHI 2LE not later than Friday 25 April. Enquiries Tel. 01244 318415