

GLHA Summer Afternoon at Tidenham

On a beautiful, sunny Saturday in June, members of local history groups across the County enjoyed a Summer Afternoon visit to Tidenham, Sedbury and Beachley, an event organised by Tidenham Historical Group on behalf of Gloucestershire Local History Association. Visitors were interested to learn about the history of the area and to take part in one of four history walks.



Tidenham guide, Richard Clammer, took visitors around the village of Sedbury.

These included exploring Sedbury, a settlement which was largely created in 1917 as part of a National Shipyard development. A local guide took walkers along the old footpaths to see the ship workers' housing built in Arts and Crafts style, the route of a forgotten railway and the remains of a WW2 POW camp, with views of Sedbury Park and "old Sedbury".

Alternatively, groups could walk around Beachley, with its ancient ferry crossing, or follow the route of Offa's Dyke, with spectacular views of the Wye Valley and Chepstow castle.

Another option was to visit the medieval church of St Mary & St Peter at Tidenham, overlooking the River Severn.

On returning from their walks, guests were treated to a super tea with scones, jam and cream, sandwiches and cakes. There was time to catch up with old friends and to view the display created by Tidenham Historical Group about the history of their town.



Volunteers from Tidenham organised the event.

These summer visits give members the chance to learn about special places with the benefit of knowledgeable guides to explain the history behind them. They are also a good opportunity to meet other local history enthusiasts. Next year's GLHA Summer Afternoon will be held on Sunday 28th June at Nailsworth.