

GLOUCESTER TOUR 1971

Stopping only to lunch at Chaddesley Corbett's sixteenth-century inn, the first visit was to Worcester Cathedral. On the next day we visited Cirencester church, Chedworth Roman villa, Sudeley Castle and the ruins of Hailes Abbey. The third day was spent in Gloucester being entertained by the city and county archivists, librarians, archaeologists and museum curators, and by the cathedral clergy, all of whom had taken great pains to prepare talks and exhibitions for us. Gloucester is a treasure house for historians. On the Thursday we crossed into Monmouthshire, passed through Newent to Monmouth, Tintern Abbey and Chepstow Castle with the county inspector of monuments and other guest speakers. Re-crossing the Severn the final visit was to Berkeley Castle. Although very tired, most of us went to the Guildhall to see the city charters.

Gloucester College where we stayed proved a kind hostess. We are grateful to all those who did so much for our comfort. On the way home we stopped to see Tewkesbury Abbey and to have lunch. The society owes a special debt to Miss Joan Beck who organised the tour so successfully.