

# GORING GAP LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## VISIT TO SHAW HOUSE, NEWBURY RG14 2DR

2.00 pm Saturday, 22 March 2025



In December 2023 we had a most interesting talk on Shaw House by Sarah Somerville, who is a guide at the property. This outing has been organised so that you can see the place for yourself and learn more about its history. Built in 1581 from the profits of the cloth trade, Shaw House has since enjoyed visits from royalty, including Elizabeth I and Charles I, as well as being the setting for Civil War battles and accommodation for soldiers in the 20c World Wars. Later Shaw House became a school for local pupils. In the 21st century, after £6 million of conservation and restoration, it is a visitor attraction and business and conference centre owned by West Berkshire Council. Many

of its secrets were not revealed until restoration. Our tour guide will take us through the historic rooms, painting a picture of years gone by and sharing historical anecdotes about those who lived and worked there.

### ITINERARY

The guided visit includes:

- A tour of the main rooms of Shaw House.
- A detailed view of the Dressed for Shaw costume exhibition.
- The opportunity to see areas not usually open to the public.
- A tea or speciality coffee in the café.

### COST

The price per person is £12.

### TRANSPORT

This will be by car, with sharing on request. From Goring it is 13 miles. There is car parking on the site. Details of the arrangements and directions will be provided to those who book.

### ENQUIRIES

Please contact Janet Hurst if you have any questions: 871022 / [goringgaphistory@gmail.com](mailto:goringgaphistory@gmail.com)

*To join the outing, please send the completed form to:*

**Mrs Janet Hurst, 6 Nun's Acre, Goring RG8 9BE AT LATEST by FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025**

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I/We wish to join the guided visit to Shaw House, Newbury

Name(s) ..... Tel .....  
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### Payment

I/We enclose a cheque (payable to Goring Gap Local History Society) at £12 per person for £ .....

I/We have paid by bank transfer £.....: **Please put SHAW and your name in the reference box**  
Sort code 30-13-42, account number 00014103, account name is Goring Gap Local History Society  
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