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The Late Late Summer Outing 2021

"MIDSOMER MURDERS" MEANDER - N.E. HAMPSHIRE REVEALED

Saturday 9th October 2021



Where do they find the names for the villages in Midsomer Murders? Could it be from villages partly named "Turgis", "Wespsall", "... on Loddon"? Certainly the producers say the names are inspired by villages in Berkshire and NE Hampshire and could "Badger's Drift" have anything to do with the local Beer?

We're hoping Covid will have abated sufficiently to allow us to try again with last year's plans; obviously, if there are any concerns, we will postpone again. We do hope you can come.

12.00 St Leonard's, Sherfield on Loddon RG27 0JB

Mainly built in 1866 but with some 14th century windows and 16th century glass. A lovely Hampshire shingled "broach" spire.



12.45 Lunch at The Jekyll and Hyde, A33 Stratfield Turgis RG27 0AX

It is said that a benign local GP used to come here in the evening and become transformed by the Badger's Beer. Under new management this is well worth a visit in its own right (but maybe not too much beer?)



2.30 pm St Mary, Hartley Wespsall, RG27 0BB

Mainly George Gilbert Scott (1868) but with an amazing 14th century west end – "one enormous cusped wooden lozenge cut by a cusped middle post" (Pevsner)

3.15 pm Mattingley Church RG27 8LA

A very unusual Grade 1 listed late medieval timber framed nave, aisles and chancel with brick noggin infill. The bricks are of parallelogram shape specifically for the herring bone pattern. There is a very old altar cloth dated 1667.



The church has no patron saint, possibly because it was originally a moot hall for the village.

The congregation have kindly offered to provide us with afternoon tea - donations welcome.

All Saints Stratfield Turgis RG27 0AU

If anyone is feeling really keen you might want to pop along over lunch to the now closed church in the farmyard where there is the gravestone of John Mears, the 1st Duke of Wellington's pad groom, who would have cared for his famous horse, Copenhagen.



Please contact Adrian Harbidge BY 1st OCTOBER if you are planning to come

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