

# ARTS SOCIETY CRANLEIGH

Drive yourself visit - with no walking issues



## THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018

EXPLORE THE BUILDINGS AND THEIR STORIES ASSOCIATED WITH TWO FAMOUS LOCAL FAMILIES

William Penn and The Blue Idol <http://www.blueidol.org/> RH13 8QP.

The Shelley Family at The Churches Conservation Trust Church at Warminghurst RH20 3AW

<https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/holy-sepulchre-warminghurst.html>



**10.30 Arrive at The Blue Idol, Coolham for coffee**

**11.00 A talk about the history of this unique place and William Penn's association with it. Delivered by Roger Wilson ..Clerk**

*The Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House, where Quakers still worship, was one of the first established after the Toleration Act of 1689. Pacifist Quakerism was in part a reaction against the turbulence and violence of the English Civil War, and was aided by the relatively recent availability of the Bible in English and the new affordability of printing. From this Meeting, William Penn sailed to found Pennsylvania, and to lay one of the foundation stones of the Constitution of the USA. The building is Grade 2\* listed by Historic England and has recently been restored with their aid and considerable donations and loans from Quaker and other sources. The talk includes a summary account of this restoration.*

*There are modest but beautiful gardens here which we hope to have time to wander around before departure to...*

**12.15 Depart Blue Idol and drive to**

**12.30 Arrive Warminghurst Church**

**Enjoy a Ploughman's Lunch and drink – perhaps sitting in the unspoilt Georgian boxed pews!**

**After lunch Rachel Webster will give us both a warm welcome and a talk about the Church and its history associated with William Penn and the Shelley family amongst others.**

**You may care to extend your day by visiting nearby Storrington – or Steyning? You may also care to visit Horsham Museum for more on the Shelley family?**

**Cost - £15 to include both venues and packed lunch. Please make us aware if you need Gluten free or dairy free food?**



**\*We regret no refunds unless authorized by the Committee\***

**Should you have a problem, and find you cannot attend this visit despite your booking –**

**Please contact Jacqui Camfield 01483 273241 or**

**if in need of directions on the day please call Gwen on 07970 909474**

