

DGS 2023 GATHERING - ITINERARY

Monday October 2nd - Arrive at Premier Inn, Canwick. There will be a welcome desk in the hotel entrance for the DGS. An informal get together in Beefeater Restaurant @ 7.00pm. Any food or drinks, to be paid for by each attendee.

Tuesday October 3rd - 9.00am leave hotel for Fillingham Church. We will use Members own cars and will organise lifts for non-drivers. The journey is about 40 mins. The Church will be open to view the Dalton plaque and the Memorials in the Churchyard. I will have copies of the article about the Church and the Memorials which will be in the most recent Journal.

Leave by 10.15am to drive to Knaith, about 8 miles, 20 mins. We will view Knaith Church, where there is another plaque to a Dalton, and meet Mrs & Mr Burke who will talk about the Church and their house, Knaith Hall, the home of Henry Dalton.

When we leave Knaith we will make a stop for lunch on our way back to Lincoln, a venue is being sourced at the moment.

Return to the Hotel and prepare for the AGM at the International Bomber Command Centre. Members can view the Museum, the cost of which is included in the Gathering Conference Fee. It is a very modern, interactive Museum and well worth looking around. There will also be the opportunity to view the impressive Spire in the Memorial Garden and the Wall of Names, which includes 16 Daltons.

5pm DGS Annual AGM. This will be followed by a Members Presentation of Memorabilia either in person or digitally, more details about this will follow.

7.00pm Formal DGS Dinner. I will circulate the Menu nearer the time for Members to choose their option.

Wednesday 4th October - Leave Hotel at 9.30am to visit the Cathedral. We will have a personal guide and the cost is also included in the Gathering Fee. The tour is about 1 hour and then there will be time to browse. There is a Café available for morning refreshments in the Cathedral. All this will take place on

the ground level, unless, of course you want to climb the tower (which is an additional cost not included in the Gathering Fee).

Leave at 12.15 for the Castle, about 400 yds level walking

Lunch at the Castle Café, cost not included in the Gathering Fee.

At 2.00pm we will have a personal guided tour of the Castle and the Magna Carta; the cost is included in the Gathering Fee. This involves stairs and different levels but all are accessible by a lift. For the more active there is a walk on the Walls to view back to the Cathedral. We will have tried out this visit beforehand to confirm its suitability.

Return to the Hotel for departure or a last evening 'Gathering'.

Hoping to see you there!

-- Howard