

## ACTIVITIES

We wish to provide our members with a series of activities by The Peel Society, which are interesting and relate, where possible, to Peel subjects. We should be much obliged if you can return this questionnaire either by post or by email. You will find a copy on our web site.

[www.thepeelsociety.org.uk](http://www.thepeelsociety.org.uk).

**Please tick the events you would be interested in attending**

### TALKS

Which of these talks would you attend at a suitable location?

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| The Peels of Drayton Manor              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sir Robert Peel, Statesman and Art Collector  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peel and Victoria—A Stormy Relationship | <input type="checkbox"/> | Peel and Wellington;                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peel and Ireland                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sir William Peel V.C. a Naval Hero;           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peel family Ancestry                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Peel and the establishment of modern policing | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### VISITS

We can arrange a visit to Oxford and London under the title “**In search of Sir Robert Peel**”. This would be probably two nights in a 4\* star hotel in the Thames valley on a dinner, B & B basis. Visits could include Harrow School; Christ Church College, Oxford; Stonor Park; Apsley House;

The National Gallery; The Houses of Parliament.

### 18<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY INDUSTRY

**King Cotton.** This would include a visit to Styal Mill (NT) near Manchester, Bury and probably the Manchester Police Museum. It would include an overnight stay.

**Leather.** Horses and therefore leather played an important part in Peel’s life. This would be covered by a visit to the Walsall leather museum and to make a day of it, the Walsall Art Gallery, a marvellous collection of early 20<sup>th</sup> century art.

**Birmingham Industry.** The jewellery quarter has three Museums, the Jewellery Museum, The Pen Museum and the Coffin works. These can all be visited in a day with small groups.

**Ironbridge Gorge.** There are four museums here at the cradle of the Industrial Revolution.

**Black Country Museum.** This complex of buildings and canals is a full day out full of interest.

**Potteries.** The Wedgwood Museum at Barlaston and the Stoke on Trent Museum represent an important 18/19<sup>th</sup> century industry, which was one of the driving forces for the development of canals.

**Coal.** Coal played such an important part in the Industrial Revolution. It is worth exploring the history of the industry. We could visit the National Coal Mining Museum in Wakefield. This includes an opportunity to go underground.

We are open to further suggestions!

### **18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE**

In a day we can cover this by a visit in the morning to the Erasmus Darwin Museum in Lichfield, followed by an afternoon visit to Soho House in Birmingham, the home of Matthew Boulton. Both these gentlemen were members of the Lunar Society and contributed hugely to both science and manufacturing.

### **19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY POLITICAL DYNASTY**

We could arrange a lunch at the Chamberlain family home, Highbury Hall, in Moseley, Birmingham.

Speaker Peel no doubt clashed with Joseph Chamberlain.

### **LAW AND ORDER**

The National Justice Museum in Nottingham is a good day out. It is located in the former law courts and covers every aspect of crime and punishment in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

Ripon, North Yorkshire has three excellent small museums relating to 19<sup>th</sup> century social conditions, The Workhouse Museum, Courthouse Museum and Prison and Police Museum.

We could include a visit to the Metropolitan Police Museum in our visit to London 'In Search of Sir Robert Peel'.

### **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS**

We hope to organise some dinners in Tamworth with prestigious speakers in 2019 to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peel Society.

We may also organise a dinner at the Carlton Club with a major political figure. This would be an expensive visit as we would have to stay overnight but it will be unique.

We should be most grateful if you can let us know your preferences by returning this questionnaire to

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**We welcome your suggestions!**