

Hello Everyone. A big thank you to all those who were able to join the Architecture Group on their visit to Winterbourne House on Wednesday 22 September. We used car share and diverted to Yateley Road in Edgbaston en route. In this road there are four houses in a row each designed by the Architect Herbert Tudor Buckland (1869 to 1951). All are built in Arts and Crafts style, three of them being Grade II listed. The fourth one, number 21, is the house that Buckland chose as the home in which he lived for 52 years before he died and is Grade I listed. While we stood outside admiring it, the owner came from the back and began talking to us. He then invited us in for a swift tour. It is remarkable and unique. A true bonus to our daytrip. He even offered us a cup of tea which, sadly we had to decline, because our goal was Winterbourne House. I am sure that we will return to officially tour the house in 2022.

The weather at Winterbourne House was glorious (another bonus). It is a stunning property with a very reasonable entrance fee. It was built for John Nettlefold of GKN in 1903 and is also in Arts and Crafts style. The gardens were laid out by his wife Margaret using guidance from the books of Gertrude Jekyll.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 October at 14.00 in St Marys Church, Kingswinford. I have asked for permission to set up my equipment and present a talk on Stained Glass. The talk explains how glass was first made, how it developed and became popular in churches and finishes with the use of clear glass in secular buildings and its necessity in modern homes; a little history and a little architecture. I would like to thank one of our members; Craig Stevens for doing the 'spade-work' and acquiring the use of St Marys for the afternoon.

Best wishes Peter Bates



Some of the Architecture Group outside 21 Yateley Rd
with the owner Paul