

Visit Booking Form

Organisation: _____
Contact Name: _____
Addr Line 1: _____
Addr Line 2: _____
Addr Line 3: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Date of Visit: ___/___/___
Time: 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm*
Number in Party: ___

We accept that whilst all reasonable care will be taken by the Friends of the Cardall Collection, visitors will be responsible for their own personal safety and well-being.

Signed: _____

Please send a cheque for £10 (non-refundable booking fee) payable to the "Friends of the Cardall Collection" together with this form to the address overleaf. The balance is payable on the day of the visit.

* Evening visits only available in Summer months.

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Rene Cardall 1923 - 2007

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Come and take a look



*Preserving Southam's Past
Now or Never*

The Cardall Collection

Origins

The Cardall Collection has evolved from one person's interest in local history to a collection of nearly 2,500 objects, photographs and documents associated with the history of Southam.

Started by Jack Cardall, a local businessman, musician and journalist, the Collection was subsequently developed and cared for by his widow Rene Cardall until it occupied the whole of the downstairs of her house in Warwick Road.

Recent History

Friends of the Cardall Collection

Shortly before Rene Cardall's death in 2007 a group called the Friends of the Cardall Collection was formed. The Friends' prime objective was to find a permanent home for the Collection and so preserve it for the benefit of the town. This proved to be a much more difficult task than expected, but after nearly two years, a building was identified to serve as a temporary home and provide working space for the Friends.



Old Labour Exchange

The Collection Today

The Collection moved to its new home in February 2009. The building, which had previously served as the Labour Exchange for Southam in the reign of King George V, needed a lot of work from many volunteers to adapt it for its new use.

Unfortunately the Old Labour Exchange building

does not allow the Collection to be displayed on a permanent basis due to its size and age.

Three major projects are currently underway at the Old Labour Exchange. These projects cover Documentation, Oral History and Outreach activities. In addition the Friends have staged a number of exhibitions featuring items from the Collection at the local Library and Carnivals.

Collection Visits

The Collection and Southam

To meet increasing local interest it is now possible to offer small groups the opportunity to hear something of the history of the Collection and also about Southam itself.

Each visit to the Collection will consist of two separate activities taking a total of two hours. During the first hour visitors will see the Old Labour Exchange and hear an illustrated talk about the work of the Friends to date. A sample of photographs and items from the Collection will be on display. This will be followed by a short guided walk through Southam to see some of the more interesting locations and buildings in the town.



Town Walk

Open your eyes!

Many towns have a fascinating history if only you can find someone to recount it. This walk through Southam will introduce you to some of the unique

buildings and features of Southam.

The walk starts from the nearby Stoneythorpe Hotel and continues down across the River Stowe and up the main street as far as the Bowling Green Inn. It is an easy walk on paved surfaces and your guide will illustrate the tour with a selection of old photographs of the town. In addition you will hear about the development of this Warwickshire market town and the people who shaped its past.

Your Support

The cost of a visit is £5 per head with a minimum of 8 persons (£40) and a maximum of 12. Please return the attached booking form to the address on the reverse of this leaflet to book your visit or contact the email address overleaf to discuss any specific requirements.

Your visit will help the Friends to continue with their work to preserve the unique heritage of the town for future generations.

The Friends of the Cardall Collection hope you enjoy your visit and appreciate your support and interest in their work.

