

# Wednesday 4 September 2019

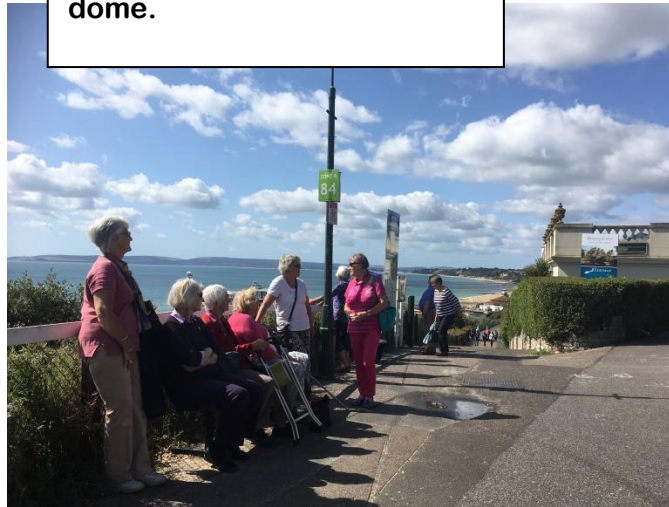
Our first trip in the Arts Society Arun's new year. An ominous rainy start, soon to be followed by blue skies and sun.

## First stop: Russell-Cotes Museum, Bournemouth



What a gem! We marvelled at the amazing collection of eclectic items gathered by Merton and Annie Russell-Cotes during their global travels, added to at a later stage after their death. Paintings, sculptures, ceramics, silver and gold items, from just plain lovely to quirky.

And then there is the house, built by Merton for Annie and their collection. Unique and beautiful, with lovely leaded glass ceiling windows and dome.



William De Morgan plates

Ready for the coach

## Second stop: Lunch at the Fighting Cocks pub.

No cocks but donkeys. An excellent lunch, enjoyed by all. A slight hold-up on our way to Breamore House.



Not budging!



Solved by our intrepid Hugh Hazlehurst

## Third stop: Breamore House

Built in 1583, during another Queen Elizabeth's reign. With at least a 100 rooms to get lost in, family artifacts, paintings of forebears and photos of the current family, a worthy place to visit.



The first group was shown around by the owner himself. The second group was in the capable hands of a lady well familiar with the house. A lengthy and interesting tour but, thankfully, we did not go round all the rooms.



Photos were discouraged but we were allowed to take a picture in the kitchen and of the lovely old rectory table, used by monks, with charming carvings of monks underneath.

We returned home through the New Forest and arrived back at 6.30 pm.