



PRESS RELEASE

Restoring Tewkesbury’s Past – Saving the Abbey Lawn Cottages

Museum Talk

Organiser	John Moore Museum
Date	Saturday 29 th June
Times	11am to 12pm
Venue	The Old Baptist Chapel, Old Baptist Chapel Court, Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5RZ
Details	<p>Discover the fascinating history of the development and restoration of the Abbey Lawn Cottages in Church Street Tewkesbury. Recently discovered to date from 1410, this unique row of timber-framed houses was built as a commercial venture by the Benedictine monks of Tewkesbury Abbey and restored between 1967 and 1973 by local buildings’ preservation charity, the Abbey Lawn Trust. Originally the buildings were commercial and residential. On the ground floor each had a shop to the front and a heated hall to the rear. These shops were opened to the street by lowering shutters to act as counters. The rear hall gave private access to an upper chamber (bedroom).</p> <p>Drawing on our extensive archive of photographs this illustrated talk will be given by Simon Lawton, curator of the John Moore Museum and the Merchant’s House, which are both located in this 15th century row.</p> <p>Tickets Adult £6.00, Concession £4.50, Child £2.00 (includes admission to all our sites, John Moore Museum, the Merchant’s House and the Old Baptist Chapel)</p>
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