



EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PLEASE REPLY TO: 10 CRESCENT GARDENS, EASTCOTE, RUISLIP, HA4 8TA

Dear Member,

CHENIES MANOR TULIP FESTIVAL COACH TRIP – MONDAY 22nd APRIL

We have arranged an afternoon coach trip to Chenies Manor on **Monday 22nd April** and very much hope you'd like to join us. It is a special time of year at Chenies Manor - their annual Tulip Festival. They have planted over 25,000 tulip bulbs in varying designs and colour combinations. It should provide us with inspiration for our own planting schemes for next year.

Chenies Manor was built in 1460 by Sir John Cheyne and became the seat of the Dukes of Bedford, with royal visitors. The tudor house was restored by Elizabeth and Alistair Macleod Matthews, remains their family's home and is privately run.

The owner will meet us at the coach and give a brief introduction. Guides will take small groups around the house and this take 45 minutes. We will have Chenies to ourselves at this stage as it opens to the public a little later in the afternoon. The house tours will start on our arrival and we will then be free to wander the grounds. Tours of the house are an extra £5.

The gardens have plenty of benches where we can rest and view the beauty of the displays. Please note that bringing our own food is not allowed – so save the picnic for another occasion. We won't go hungry as there is a tea room serving homemade cakes and biscuits (but not lunches). There is a gift shop with local items and speciality goods for gardeners. Unfortunately, there isn't the facility to hire a wheel chair or mobility scooter at Chenies Manor.

The coach pick-up will be from Southbourne Gardens, near the Trading Hut and the corner with Oak Grove. The coach will leave at **12.15 pm** so please arrive for 12.10 pm. We will be returning to Eastcote by 5.00 p.m.

Costs to cover the coach travel and entrance to the gardens and tulip festival will be:

£27 each person excluding the tour of the house

£32 each person to include a tour of the house.

The trip is open to members, their families, friends, neighbours and other local society members. Please share this opportunity with people you know. We're keen to fill the coach! To join the trip please complete the slip and send it to me with a cheque (payable to E.H.S.) for the appropriate amount. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. I would appreciate replies as soon as possible but by **31 March** at the latest. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8866 1339.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Alexander

Name:

Address:

Tel no:

Email

Number of people in your party in total

Number of people visiting the gardens only (£27 each)

Number of people taking the House Tour (£32 each)

I enclose a cheque payable to E.H.S. for £

Please return to Sue Alexander, 10 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Ruislip HA4 8TA

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