



EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

Dear Member,

WADDESDON MANOR HOUSE & GARDENS COACH TRIP **SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**

The Society has booked a coach trip to Waddesdon Manor on **Saturday 28th September** and very much hope you'd like to join us.

Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury, was built by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild between 1874 and 1885 to display his collection of arts and to entertain the fashionable world. Opened to the public in 1959, Waddesdon Manor is home to the Rothschild Collections of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts. Opened to the public in 1959, Waddesdon Manor is managed by the Rothschild Foundation, a family charitable trust, on behalf of the National Trust, who took over ownership in 1957. It's home to the Rothschild Collections of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts.

Baron Ferdinand was fascinated by 18th century France. He used a French architect who created rooms using wall panels taken from Parisian houses of the 1700s. As a family, the Rothschilds were the greatest collectors, seeking the highest quality workmanship and with a keen sense of historical importance.

During our visit we will have the opportunity to explore :-

- ! the house and its splendid French interior, including the wine cellars
- ! the grounds with the 18th century and contemporary sculptures
- ! the aviary; a rare example of a working aviary housed in an historic structure, built in 1889, and stocked with beautiful birds. It now takes part in important conservation breeding projects of endangered species.
- ! shops, cafes and restaurant, including the wine shop

There is a shuttle bus from the fountain to the Stables for those with limited mobility.

The pick up will be from the car park in Oak Grove, behind the Trading Hut, and the coach will leave at 9 am. We will return to Eastcote by 6 pm.

The trip is open to members, their families, friends, neighbours and members of other local societies. Please share this opportunity.

If you are a National Trust member or Art Fund member you will not be required to pay an entrance fee and will only pay for the coach travel. You **will** be required to bring your National Trust membership card with you. If the membership card is forgotten you will need to pay the full entrance fee on the day.

There is also a discount for Royal Horticultural Society members, on production of the membership card.

Costs :-

- ! The cost for a person who is a National Trust or Art Fund member is **£16**.
- ! The cost for a Royal Horticultural Society member is **£26**.
- ! The cost for a person who does not have any of these memberships is **£34**.

The costs include coach travel, house and gardens entrance.

If you would like to join the trip please complete the slip and send it to me with a cheque (payable to E.H.S.) for the total amount. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I would appreciate replies as soon as possible but before **7 September** as places need to be finalised and payment made in advance. 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 the party who are covered by National Trust or Art Fund membership
(£16 per person):-

Number of people in the party who are covered by Royal Horticultural Society membership
(£26 per person):-

Number of people in the party who are **NOT** covered by any memberships
(£34 per person):-

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

Please return to Sue Alexander, 10 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Ruislip HA4 8TA
before 7 September

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