AUTUMN OUTING – Tuesday, 5th September 2017
VISIT TO STONOR

Stonor has been the home of the Stonor family for 850 years. It is set in a fold of the Chilterns 5 miles from Henley-on-Thames. The name comes from the circle of Standing Stones, one of which is incorporated into the southeast corner of the medieval chapel adjacent to the House – a symbol of how Christianity adapted a pagan site of worship.

The House was built between 1200 and 1600 with subsequent changes in the Georgian period. It stands in sweeping grounds with a fine collection of paintings and artefacts.

The family and their chapel remained Catholic throughout 250 years of persecution and the chapel is still used regularly by the family and the public today. Edmund Campion was hidden in a room in the roof of the house in 1581 with a printing press on which he printed and distributed to the OUP his ‘Rationes Decem’. This was his critique of the Protestant Church and the ten reasons for being a Catholic. He was arrested shortly after, at Lyford Grange near Wantage, racked, hung, drawn and quartered. Dame Cecily Stonor was arrested at the same time and sent to the Tower but survived.

It is possible to visit the beautiful terraced walled Garden and walk in certain areas of the Park with its herd of fallow deer.

Programme:

10.30 Arrive coffee on arrival
11.0 Tour of House and Chapel
12.15approx Light lunch (savoury quiche and salad with orange juice or water)
Free time to visit the Gardens and Park.

On this occasion we have not arranged a coach and Friends may make their own way to Stonor. There is ample parking which is a short distance from the House. Unfortunately, as the house is medieval behind a Georgian façade it is not suitable for wheelchairs.

TICKETS: Friends £25.00 per person

Included: Coffee/tea on arrival, guided tour of the house, and light lunch (pre-booked quiche and salad with orange juice).
Refunds: It is not possible to offer refunds. However if the Outing is over-subscribed a reserve list will be started. If you need to cancel you will be put in touch with someone on that reserve list.

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