

THE ARTS SOCIETY GRANTHAM
Visit to Hatfield House
Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Hatfield House is one of the great stately homes of England, the home of the 7th Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and their family. It was built in 1611 by Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, who was one of Elizabeth I's most important advisors. Cecil used material from the Old Palace (the childhood home of Elizabeth 1), part of which is still standing today, to build the present house. Superb examples of Jacobean craftsmanship can be seen throughout Hatfield House such as the Grand Staircase with its fine carving and the rare stained glass window in the private chapel. Displayed throughout the House are many historic mementos collected over the centuries by the Cecils, one of England's foremost political families. Dating from the 17th century, the gardens at Hatfield House have evolved into a gardeners' paradise. Visitors can enjoy the peace of the West Garden with its scented garden and fountains, and view the famous knot garden adjoining the Tudor Old Palace. The East garden is more formally planted with its parterre, topiary, herbaceous borders and vegetable garden. **You are free to spend the day as you wish - no specific tours/activities are arranged, but included is entry to the house (with audio guide) and West Garden together with access to the Stable Yard, which offers Shops, Restaurant and other food outlets. If desired tickets to the East Garden can be purchased at Hatfield for a supplement of £4. For more information see <http://www.hatfield-house.co.uk/>**

Timetable

08.30 Depart Sainsbury's Grantham
10.30 Arrive Hatfield.
16.00 Depart Hatfield
18.00 Return Sainsbury's Grantham.

Disabled Access: Hatfield House has a lift to enable wheelchairs to reach the first floor, and there is good access around the shops, restaurant and lavatories. There is also a wheelchair friendly route around the west garden. There are two wheelchairs available for use in the house, but no wheelchairs or buggies for hire/loan for use in the gardens or park, please bring your own if needed. Please contact the Organiser if you have any queries.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Bookings will only be taken using booking form below and on receipt of payment. Please retain the upper part of this sheet – it is your proof of booking.**
- **Arts Society Grantham Members may book in one Guest each, those wishing to bring additional Guests should contact the Organiser after 30th April to see if there is space.**
- **Members of other Branches of The Arts Society should contact the Organiser before booking.**
- **Cancellations by 30th April will be refunded less £5 handling charge. (Purchased tickets may be passed to a new participant and their name and contact details given to the organiser.) After 30th April refunds only in the event of there being a wait list and the Organiser being able to resell the ticket.**

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NAME **Tel (Mobile if possible).**

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I wish to book **place(s) for Member(s) at £32. In addition I wish to book a place for one Guest at £32. (Please see above if you wish to bring more than one Guest).**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: £..... Cheques payable to The Arts Society Grantham

Please return this completed form together with payment to Mrs. C.E. Thompson, Hill Top Farm, Ingoldsby Road, Lenton, Grantham, Lincs. NG33 4HB.