

The John Evelyn Society.

For maintaining the amenities of Wimbledon

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Our annual outing will take place on the 18th June 1966, and in the morning our first visit will be to Salisbury Hall at London Colney near St. Albans. The choice of the main afternoon visit will be the home of Sir Harold Wernher, Bt. G.C.V.O. at Luton Hoo, just south of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Salisbury Hall which will be viewed from about 11 am to Noon has a moat, and an ancient history, having been mentioned in Domesday Book which mentions that it was inhabited by Asgar, known as the "Staller", one of the most important offices of the Anglo Saxon court. The present 17th century house is the third bearing the original name of "Salisburies" so called as it was the property of the powerful family of Montagu, Earls of Salisbury.

Richard Nevill Earl of Warwick (The King Maker) lived here with the Lancastrian Army, before the Battle of Barnet in 1471, when he and his brother the first Marquis of Montagu were both slain at Hadley Highstone a few miles south.

Sir John Cutte Under Treasurer to Henry VII and VIII, "bilded" a magnificent palace at "Salsbiry Parke," though little remains of this building except the famous Early English medallions of Roman Emperors.

Sir Jeremiah Snow bought the hall in 1669 and many visits are recorded of King Charles and Nell Gwynne. The charming little building by the moat's edge is still known to this day as Nell Gwynne's cottage.

Sir Winston Churchill in his youth, was a frequent visitor to his mother whose home it was for some years, and often was the scene of gay house parties attended by King Edward VII. Later it was the home of Sir Nigel Cresley the railway engineer, and in 1940 the war winning de Havilland Mosquito aircraft was finally born here, and produced in quantity for the R.A.F.

A picnic lunch will be enjoyed at Childwick Green just south of Harpenden, from about 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm, and we should arrive at Luton Hoo about 2 pm.

Luton Hoo houses the famous collection of English china, 16th and 17th century jewels, and mediaeval ivories. One of the main attractions at Luton Hoo is the Russian Faberge jewels, and the unique collection of portraits and mementoes of the former Russian Imperial Family. In addition are famous pictures by Rembrandt, Titian, and other world masters, as well as period furniture and tapestries. The exterior of Luton Hoo was commenced by Robert Adam in 1767, and the gardens and landscape by Capability Brown. Early in this century the interior was remodelled in 18th century French style.

Tea will be served at 4.30 pm., and the return journey will commence at 6 pm.

Members wishing to travel should meet outside No. 1 South Side, Wimbledon Common in time to depart at 9.30 am. punctually. Those travelling by their cars are asked where possible to take other members unable to secure seats on the coach.

Applications should reach the organiser by the 4th June 1966.

Please detach

Visit to Salisbury Hall and Luton Hoo, 18th June 1966.

To Organiser, 99 Merton Hall Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

I wish to come and will bring ..... Guests.

Please arrange transport for .....

OR

We will travel under our own arrangements, and could take ..... other members of the Society. Car registered No .....

(Please complete whichever is applicable)

I enclose cheque for ..... in favour of J.E.S.

being ..... @ 21/- Children @ 17/6d each using the Society's transport.

being ..... @ 11/6 ..... Children @ 7/6 using own transport,

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