



BURGHLEY HOUSE TALKS AND WALKS WITH HEAD CURATORS AND HEAD GARDENERS

SUNDAY 22 TO TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016

With the kind permission of the Marquess of Exeter, Miranda Rock and the Trustees of Burghley House

Jon Culverhouse, Head Curator of Collections has been asked by the Trustees of Burghley House to permit Inscape rare and privileged access to the inner workings of Burghley House, surely one of the UK's premier "treasure houses". We will be addressed by the curators and their assistants in select State rooms, the Private Apartments, Conservation workshops, and in the House and Family Archives. Anthony Beech and Sheila Landi, the chief conservationists, will greet us in the Conservation Workshops to describe and illustrate the necessary and highly specialised steps taken to preserve the furniture and textiles of the House; the Head Gardener, John Burrows, will guide us through the gardens in their spring glory as well as on a visit to the new Garden of Surprises inspired by the Elizabethan gardens of the Tradescants at New Hall Essex and Hatfield House. Head Forester Peter Glassey will lead us on a gentle exploration of the glorious undulations of the Capability Brown landscape in the very year of the great landscape gardener's 300th anniversary. Nicholas Friend will provide an in-depth study of the relationship of the Cecil family to the magnificent limestone architecture of the Lincolnshire coaching town of Stamford since the 16c.

MEET 12:15 Stamford Rail Station, or 12:30 George Hotel Stamford (map and details provided)
ENDS 4.30 at Burghley House

COST £1075 members, £1105 non-members, no single room supplement, deposit £250: includes two nights bed and breakfast at George Hotel, two dinners with wine, one lunch at the George Hotel, two lunches at the Orangery Restaurant with wine, private curators tours at Burghley House, architectural walk and lecture on 'The Cecils of Burghley and Stamford' by Nicholas Friend, taxis. This cost excludes transportation to and from Stamford.



THE GEORGE HOTEL OF STAMFORD

71 High Street St Martin's
Stamford PE9 2LB

We stay at the George Hotel and enjoy both evening meals in the oak-panelled Dining Room. The George Hotel, originally rebuilt by the First Lord Burghley himself, is now renowned all over the country for its comfort and care in service.