# PLANTATION GARDEN PRESERVATION TRUST

***Visit to:*** **HUGHENDEN MANOR, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS (NT) AND, CLIVEDEN, TAPLOW, BUCKS (NT)**

***Date:*** **THURSDAY 13 JULY 2017**

***Cost:*** **£45.00 NON-NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS INCLUDES ADMISSIONS (EXCEPT EXTRA £2.00 FOR SHORT HOUSE TOUR AT CLIVEDEN IF DESIRED, PAYABLE ON THE DAY), MORNING COFFEE AND GRATUITIES**

***£26.*****00 NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS INCLUDES ADMISSIONS TO BOTH HOUSES AND GROUNDS, MORNING COFFEE AND GRATUITIES**

***Depart:*** **7.00 AM DEREHAM COACHWAYS, DEREHAM**

**7.30 AM EARLHAM ROAD, NORWICH, OPP.ST JOHN'S RC CATHEDRAL**

**7.50 AM THICKTHORN PARK AND RIDE, FAR END BUS SHELTER**

***Return*** **8.15 PM APPROXIMATELY (THICKTHORN)**

## HUGHENDEN MANOR AND GROUNDS

**A MONUMENT TO THE HIGH VICTORIAN AGE CREATED BY ITS OWNER BENJAMIN DISRAELI (1804-81), PRIME MINISTER 1868, 1874-80, AND HIS WIFE MARY-ANNE**

The home of Disraeli from 1847 till his death in 1881 was a plain 18C house refaced in red brick in 1862 with a plethora of finials and little crow-stepped gables giving it its unmistakeable vaguely Gothic appearance and air of cheerful domesticity. Mary-Anne's bright bedding scheme for the main lawn has been restored along with the walled kitchen garden and orchard. Its southerly aspect **i**n an attractive Chiltern valley is enhanced by the choice of the many lime-tolerant plants and trees.

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## CLIVEDEN HOUSE (GRADE I), GARDENS AND GROUNDS (GRADE I)

**SPECTACULAR SETTING ON A TERRACE OVERLOOKING ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE REACHES OF THE THAMES. ESSENTIALLY AN ARISTOCRATIC REFUGE FROM LONDON, AT ITS BEST IN HIGH SUMMER**

Designed by Sir Charles Barry in 1851 in the style of a Roman *palazzo,* the house is the third to occupy the site following yet another fire. The house is run today as an exclusive hotel but it will be possible to go on a short guided tour on the afternoon of our visit to see several of the finest rooms.

The gardens bear the imprint of 3 centuries of aristocratic owners, most recently the American Astors who bought the property in 1893. The 2nd Lord Astor and his wife Nancy, the first woman MP to sit in he House of Commons, hosted famous political parties here in the 30s. In 1942 they gave the estate to the National Trust. Mostly accessible on the level, the extensive gardens include herbaceous borders, superb statuary, a Japanese water garden and the spectacular Parterre overlooking the Thames valley. The Secret Garden encloses a Rose Garden designed in the 1950s by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe for the 3rd Lord Astor and restored in 2015. For the more energetic there are walks down to the river below or north along the ridge to the Amphitheatre and Blenheim Pavilion (views).

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- **Prepaid morning coffee will be provided on arrival at Hughenden.**
- Bring a friend or friends if you wish!
- Two coaches will run on the same day if numbers seem to justify it – to help gauge the viability of a second coach, please reply if possible by or at the AGM, as acknowledgements will be sent out after the AGM.
- Cancelation less than one month before the event will be refunded in full if possible or in part at the discretion of the organiser.
- If a National Trust member, **PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD(S) ON THE DAY**.
- Please return the booking form below, with your payment and SAE for acknowledgement, to:
  **Val Striker, 29 Park Lane, NORWICH NR2 3EE /Tel: 07813 065444 /Email: val@striker.gotadsl.co.uk**

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I would like to book_______place(s) on the outing to Buckinghamshire on Thursday 13 July 2017

Please tick the box if you are a National Trust member>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> ☐

Please tick the box if you would like to visit the house at Cliveden>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> ☐

I enclose a cheque for £____________made payable to ***The Plantation Garden Preservation Trust***

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ____________________________________________________________

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