

KENTCHURCH COURT AND GARDENS HEREFORD

FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2016

A private visit has been planned to see KENTCHURCH COURT. This rarely opened house and its fascinating contents has been the setting for various film locations and the home of the Scudamore family for almost 1000 years. The first Scudamore actually recorded in the area in 1042 was Ralf, a stonemason, brought over from Normandy by Edward the Confessor to build a castle in Ewyas Harold. In 1795 Col. John Scudamore commissioned John Nash to modernise the then 14th century house in the Gothic style. The collection of portraits dates back to the 16th century and there are Grinling Gibbons' carvings in the dining and terrace rooms. In more recent years George Bernard Shaw was a frequent visitor to the house. The 5000 acre estate contains many ancient trees including the famous Jack of Kent oak as well as a deer park, a rhododendron wood and newly created walled garden.

COST PER PERSON: £40.00 p.p. to include guided tour of house, garden entry, light lunch and tea.

Coach leaves THE WILSON, Clarence Street, at 11.00 a.m. and will return by about 6.30 p.m. Applications with cheque (payable to FCAGM) and SAE to Mrs. J. Ogle, 1 Wellington Square, Cheltenham GL50 4JU (01242 231011) as soon as possible. New Friends should be aware that outings book up very quickly so a prompt reply is advised.

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Thank you for your application. I have been able / unable to allocate you......place(s) on this outing.

Pick-up Points: Six Ways: 10.25 a.m. Wellington Square: 10.45 a.m. The Wilson: 11.00 a.m.

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