

ITINERARY FOR SPRING STUDY TOUR TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

SUNDAY 21st MAY to THURSDAY 24th MAY 2018

Northamptonshire –“flat with low hills and beautiful wooded scenery”. Rich pasture land lying between its numerous rivers provided grazing for the cattle that gave rise to the local leather industry - still a local speciality. Under this pasture was the iron ore that gave rise to local mining –the iron industry is no longer there, yet the iron ore is, but no longer worth mining. And seated in this landscape aristocratic families built luxurious houses – more than in any other county. However while most thrived, the Tresham family met with disaster, the final one being the Gun Powder Plot.

We shall visit one or two of these 'stately homes' but in towns and churches, we shall encounter some quirky architecture, an ossuary, a pharmacy museum, a Prince's Trust restoration project, as well as the expected art gallery and gardens.

We are staying at THE HOLIDAY INN, (on the outskirts of) CORBY., (noted hereafter as HIC)
Geddington Road, Corby, Northants, NN18 8ET. Tel number 01536 401 020.

Our 4 night stay will be half-board and include access to WIFI and the 3D health and fitness centre.

We will travel in an executive coach, departing from and returning to East Finchley Station forecourt.

THE 5 DAY STUDY TOUR (Provisional Itinerary)

Day 1 – Sunday – Depart East Finchley Station → LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY (exhibition; C)
→ Moggerhanger Park (Sir John Soane's; L) - Kimbolton Castle (Dukes of Manchester) → HIC

Day 2 – Monday – HIC → Warkton (St Edmund Ch.'s Montagu Monuments) → Rushton Hall (Hotel)
(Tresham's, C) → ROTHWELL (L; &&) → Lyveden New Bield (Tresham's -NT) → HIC

Day 3 – Tuesday – HIC → Wellingborough (St Mary's Ch., Early 20th C) → Earls Barton (All Saints
Ch. 10th C & Jeyes family museum; C) → NORTHAMPTON (Guildhall, option Charles Rennie
Mackintosh house; L) → Delapre Abbey (gardens; T; Eleanor X) → Geddington Eleanor X → HIC

Day 4 – Wednesday – HIC → Lamport Hall & Gardens (&&; C) → KETTERING (L; Alfred Last
Gallery - AF) → Rushton Triangular Lodge (EH) → HIC

Day 5 – Thursday – HIC → East Carlton Park ('Iron' exhibition ; C) → Rockingham Castle (HHA; L)
→ Weedon Bec (Royal Ordnance Depot) → East Finchley Station

Key to above:

TOWNS = where you are free to wander

HIC = Holiday Inn Corby

NT = National Trust/ EH = English Heritage/ HHA = Historic Houses Association/ AF = Art Fund

C = coffee break/ L = lunch break/ T = tea break

X = Cross (memorial)

If you have any queries or suggestions please email helena.green@talktalk.net or call 8349 3058.

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