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**VISIT TO ASCOTT HOUSE, WOBURN ABBEY, BLETCHLEY PARK AND 78 DERNGATE**  
**TUESDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO THURSDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8.15** Coach departs from the National Museum of Wales.

We stop for coffee at Faringdon an interesting market town where there are many cafes where you can buy a coffee. We arrive at **Ascott House** for a light lunch in their tea room.

Ascott House dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and was donated to the National Trust by the Rothschilds in 1949 and is still their countryside residence today. There is an exceptional collection of paintings, fine furniture and superb oriental porcelain. There are also 30 acres of formal and natural gardens.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** we visit **Woburn Abbey** in the morning. It was originally a monastery and was given by Edward VI to the Russell family in 1547. Woburn Abbey and the Russell family have been at the centre of social and political intrigues for centuries and today's Duke and Duchess of Bedford are making their own impact on this fascinating ancestral home. We have lunch in the Duchess' Tea Room.

In the afternoon we travel to **Bletchley Park**, home of the Codebreakers and once Britain's best kept secret. We can explore the top secret world of iconic WW2 codebreaking huts and the museum that houses the Enigma Collection.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** we visit **78 Derngate** in Northampton, originally a Georgian House built c1815. It is the only house in England designed and remodelled in 1916 by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. It is also the only place in the world where 'Mackintosh's mature architectural and interior styles can be seen in their original setting.' The interiors are described as 'quite stunning.'

**NB.** The house is set on four floors and as the lift is set in the adjacent building those who cannot climb about 12 stairs on each of 2 flights can only see the ground and top floor. We split into two groups. Half have a tour of the house and half can buy coffee in the café or peruse the gallery and shop on the ground floor and vice versa. We leave Northampton at 12 noon and drive to the Manor House Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh for lunch. After lunch we make our way back to Cardiff aiming to arrive at 5.30 – 6pm.

**Cost includes** - dinner, bed and breakfast for the two nights at the Best Western Hotel in Buckingham. A glass of wine or soft drink is included with dinner each evening; lunches on all 3 days and all entrance fees and gratuities.

National Trust members please remember to bring your cards.

**Cost of holiday for 2 sharing a double room is £320, or £381 for single occupancy**

**Non members of National Trust please add £10**

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Name(s).....

Address..... Postcode.....

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Please reserve \_\_\_ places for the above visit. I/we require a double / twin / single room .....

**I enclose a cheque of £100 per person (non refundable deposit) payable to Friends National Museum, Wales with this form to Gwen Williams, 57, Beulah Rd, Rhiwbina, Cardiff. CF14 6LU**

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**Final payment must be made by Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>** Please send a SAE if you have no email address.

Please state any dietary or mobility requirements .....

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