



VISIT TO ELTHAM PALACE – THURSDAY 3rd MAY 2018

In 1305 this was given to the future Edward II and for two centuries it was a favourite royal palace. Many of the royal children spent long periods of their childhood there. However, during the English Civil war, the palace was largely destroyed and the only remaining parts were the Great Hall, some of the moat, walls and the bridge. The last king to stay there was Charles I. The site fell into decay.

In 1933 Stephen and Virginia Courtaulds acquired the lease from the Crown Estate. They restored the Great Hall and built one of the finest art deco mansions adjoining it – judged by some to be a masterpiece of 20th century design. You will be able to explore the glamorous lifestyle of 1930's millionaires and view the fabulously stylish mansion they created.

We will travel by coach from Leatherhead Leisure Car Park leaving at 9.15am. At the Palace we will have a comfort stop at the reception area café, then a guided tour of the palace, followed by lunch (at own expense) and a chance to visit the beautifully landscaped grounds. We expect to return to Leatherhead by 4.30pm.

Organiser: Irene Gawne 01372 456817 or mobile 07906 363729. e-mail: irene76gawne@btinternet.com
Cost: English Heritage members £24 and non- members £36.



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Irene Gawne at 76 Eastwick Drive, Bookham, KT23 3NX, with full payment.

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