



The 20-Ghost Club Limited

CHALKE VALLEY HISTORY FESTIVAL & A TOUR OF WEST COUNTRY HOUSES AND GARDENS

[Revised flyer dated 31 December 2014]

Monday 22 to Thursday 25 June 2015



Set in an attractive, hidden and almost forgotten, valley near the Cranborne Chase to the west of Salisbury, the Chalke Valley has been home, for the last four years, to an annual festival dedicated solely to history.

Throughout the week, the Festival plays host to many popular, passionate and leading historians, from Dan Snow and Jeremy Paxman to leading academics and well-loved personalities such as Ian Hislop, Al Murray and John Sessions. In 2013 and 2014, speakers also included Lord Hurd, Kate Adie, Michael Morpurgo, Tom Stoppard, Antonia Fraser and Boris Johnson who typically spoke about a book they have written, a TV programme they have directed or a historical character or era which they have studied.

Each year, the site becomes a giant camp of living history through the ages, from Romans to the Second World War, and with displays by some of the very best re-enactors and historical interpreters in the UK. There is a Sword School, Have-a-Go Archery, an interactive First World War trench experience, and jousts and battle re-enactments. There is also a collection of military vehicles in support of soldiers dressed in military uniforms of different armies. See Festival website: <http://www.cvhf.org.uk/>

The Programme Director, James Holland, has invited us to bring some veteran and vintage Rolls-Royces to the Festival on Tuesday 23 and Thursday 25 June 2015. This will enable those owners who wish to do this to take advantage of the programme of lectures, some very up market food stalls (there is a champagne and caviar bar) and rather smart shops – all in tents and marquees. Note: The R-REC Annual Rally takes place the weekend before, on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 June. See next page for photos of the History Festival.

A tour of the attractive surrounding countryside is planned for Wednesday 24 June. This will include possible stops at Stourhead (Palladian mansion and world-famous landscape garden), Sherborne (Castle and Abbey), Barrington Court (Tudor mansion) and Tintinhull (Arts & Crafts Garden). See third page for photos.



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Rooms have been booked at two small inns in isolated villages, the Castleman Hotel & Restaurant at Chettle and the King John at Tollard Royal, both some 12 miles drive through attractive countryside to the site of the Festival. The plan is to arrive at the inns for dinner on the Monday night and spend Tuesday and much of Thursday at the Festival with a tour on the Wednesday. Dinner on the Tuesday and Wednesday nights will also be at the inns. See websites: <http://www.castlemanhotel.co.uk/> and <http://www.kingjohninn.co.uk/>
Because of the very limited accommodation, early completion of the booking form is advisable.





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Stourhead



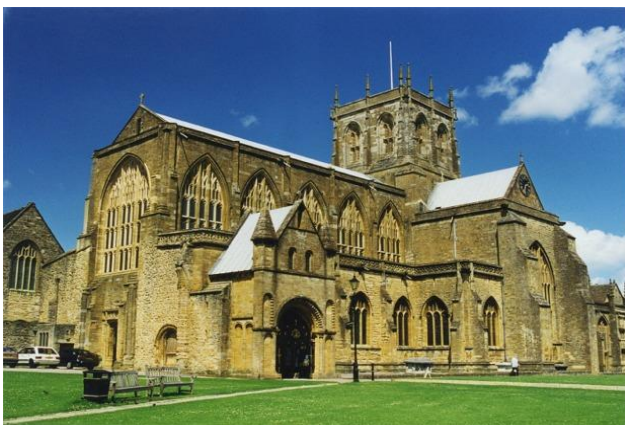
Barrington Court



Sherborne Castle



Tintinhull Arts & Crafts Garden



Sherborne Abbey with its spectacular fan vaulting

Note: Stourhead, Barrington Court and Tintinhull are all National Trust properties.



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Accommodation at the Castleman Hotel is now full, but rooms have been secured at a second inn, the marginally more expensive King John in Tollard Royal. The cost for a couple of participating in "The Chalke Valley History Festival & A Tour of West Country Houses and Gardens" and staying at the King John (double room with breakfast and dinner, excluding wine, for three nights: Monday 22, Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June 2015) will be £525 for a small double room and £585 for a large double room. The rooms have bathrooms en suite. There is no entry fee for participation in the Festival although tickets to attend individual lectures must be applied and paid for individually and separately. The Festival programme will be published later in 2014 and updated in early 2015. The cost of this tour does not include entry fees to the places one might visit on the Wednesday, as some of these are free and most are National Trust properties, where entry is free to members.

To make your reservation, please complete this form and send it, with a cheque made payable to The 20-Ghost Club Limited for £250, to Sir John Stuttard, Layton House, 23 Layton Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8EY.

Name/s.....

Address
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E-mail address (in capitals, please).....

Dietary requirements, if any.....

Car: Model..... Chassis No..... Reg. No..... Year.....

Body style..... Colour..... Coachbuilder.....

As a participant in this event and tour and in consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this event and tour and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release The 20-Ghost Club Limited and all committee members and its representatives from any and all liability and injuries, damage or loss or consequential loss arising from my entry and participation in the event and tour.

Signed.....

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