

# Stroud Civic Society

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## Visit to Deerhurst Church and Forthampton Court



St Mary's at Deerhurst is one of the finest and most complete buildings to survive from before the Norman Conquest. A substantial part of the building is now considered to belong to the first half of the 9th century and there are some magnificent Anglo-Saxon sculptures and much more; wall paintings and medieval stained glass. There will also be an opportunity to visit Odda's chapel, another nearby Anglo-Saxon building. We will have a guide from the Friends of the Church.



Lunch will be in Tewkesbury and there will be an opportunity to explore the Abbey before going on to Forthampton Court. This was once the country residence of the Abbots of Tewkesbury and the Great Hall (where we have tea) survives from this period. There were additions in the 18th century by Antony Keck and considerable work was carried out later by the Arts and Crafts architect Philip Webb. The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens with views across to the Abbey while the 19th century green houses have been restored and are now in full working use. The manor has been continuously owned by the Yorke family since 1726 and we will be welcomed by John Yorke.



Price £27.00 (non members £ 32.00) to include coach travel and a private visit with tea at the Manor House. The coach leaves Stratford Park Leisure Centre at 10.30am and returns at 6.30pm. The number of places on this visit is limited to 24 so early booking is recommended.

### Booking Form

Send with SAE to Juliet Shipman, Apartment B, Field House Gardens, Stroud GL5 2JX.

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