

THREE WILTSHIRE MANORS
Friday July 17th

In this corner of Wiltshire are three beautiful Manor Houses, **Iford Manor** is famous for its old Italian style garden owned and designed by Harold Peto. It houses Peto's collection of mainly Italian architectural items, which he collected on his travels. A former architect who once worked with Lutyens, he designed several famous gardens, including the Italian gardens at Buscot Park. Built on a steep hillside, visitors can wander along the terraces with their statues and pools and for a brief moment, imagine they are in Italy.



Nearby is **Westwood Manor**, a small 15th century Manor House with 16th century additions – and an amazing topiary garden.



The afternoon is reserved for an outstanding house and garden – **Great Chalfield Manor** “*Long a front runner in the best medieval manor stakes,*” writes Simon Jenkins. The house was built around 1470 and has a great hall, moat, barns and a gatehouse. There

are fine Elizabethan plasterwork ceilings, panelling and wall paintings. The Arts and Crafts garden, hopefully full of roses at the time of our visit, is in a beautiful setting with the church nearby.



For lunch we will stop in Holt. Members can either visit the del/café at the Glove factory (I recommend it) or go to the Courts, a National Trust Property with a café and an area to eat picnics.

Itinerary: Eastcombe 8.45am, Stroud Leisure Centre 9.0am: Leave Great Chalfield Manor at 4.30pm arrive at Stroud Leisure Centre at 5.45pm and Eastcombe at 6.00pm

Price: £37.00 for NT members. Non-NT members please add £7.50. To include Coach travel, entrance and morning coffee at Iford Manor, entrance to Westwood, entrance and tea and biscuits at Great Chalfield Manor (note all visits are private)

Booking Form

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