



STOWE HOUSE & GARDENS

Wednesday 31st July

u3a Chorleywood



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In the 18th century, the powerful Temple-Grenville family chose to create an idyllic landscape filled with temples. Amidst these enchanting gardens (*now cared for by the National Trust*), they built the most lavish temple of all, Stowe House, famous during its 18th century heyday as an important artistic masterpiece.

In 1922, in the face of demolition, Stowe School saved the building from certain destruction. Unlike the loss and decline of many English country houses, Stowe House found a new and revived use for the 20th and 21st century as a school for boys and, latterly, also for girls. Stowe House Preservation Trust was established in 1997 to restore the house and share this special place with the world.

Stowe Gardens showcase gardening on the grandest scale. Picture perfect views, winding paths, lakeside walks and temples create a timeless landscape, reflecting the changing seasons. Full of hidden meaning, the gardens were created as unearthly paradise and still cast a spell today.

Our trip starts with a guided tour of Stowe House. Later our coach will whisk us off to Stowe Gardens where we will have a cafe or picnic lunch before touring the gardens. Our very own Chorleywood U3A member, Gillian Pugh, whose father was Headmaster at Stowe, has very kindly volunteered to accompany us on the trip and lead us around the gardens!

The trip includes guided tours of both the house and gardens and tea & coffee at Stowe House.

Booking Form – Stowe House & Gardens, Wed 31st July 2024

Name(s).....

Email..... Phone..... Mobile.....

Please reserve place(s) at £30.00 per person for National Trust members

Please reserve place(s) at £45.00 per person for non-National Trust members

I/We will pay £..... by bank transfer to Chorleywood u3a
Account Number **67254637** Sort Code **08-92-99**. Please include a reference to Stowe House and your surname.

I/We will pay by Cheque, made out to Chorleywood u3a for £.....

I/We wish to be picked-up at Green Street (9:00am) or opposite the White Horse public house (9:05am)

Please complete this form and send it (with cheque if appropriate) to Jayne Morgan,
34 Wyatts Road, Chorleywood WD3 5TE. Tel: **07939 221292**. Email: events@cw-u3a.org.uk