

Visit to Eltham Palace & Gardens and Greensted Church

Monday, 09 June 2025

**Cost: £52 for English Heritage (and eligible CADW or Historic Scotland) members
£65 for other participants**

Includes executive coach travel, a guided house-tour of Eltham Palace and a stop at Greensted Church on the return journey for a short, guided tour and refreshments

BOOKING FORM

Itinerary	Times at the destinations are approximate
08:45	Depart promptly by coach from the Delta by Marriott Hotel , formerly known as the Marks Tey Hotel , London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1DU
10:30	Arrive at Eltham Palace and Gardens
11.00	Guided House Tour of Eltham Palace , including the splendid Art Deco rooms & medieval Great Hall
12:15	Free time to explore the house and extensive gardens on the site and to have lunch (not included)
14.00	Depart Eltham Palace for return journey, stopping at Greensted Church , Greensted-juxta-Ongar
15.15	Arrive at Greensted for a brief tour of a unique eleventh-century wooden church and refreshments
16.30	Coach departs for the return journey to Delta by Marriott Hotel, arriving at 17.30 approx.

In the 1930s Stephen and Virginia Courtauld restored and modernised **the medieval royal palace and nineteen acres of gardens at Eltham**, adding a splendid **Art Deco showpiece** extension next to the magnificent medieval Great Hall (1470s) with its impressive hammerbeam roof. The well-kept gardens are a charming mix of medieval and 1930s design features, including a sunken scented-rose garden, an ancient moat bridge and rock gardens. Even the Courtaulds' pet lemur, Mah Jongg or 'Jongy', left his mark on the modernisation of the Palace—Jongy had his own heated room with a bamboo ladder for access.

The return journey will feature a brief stop at **St Andrews Church, Greensted-juxta-Ongar**, the only church in the UK that has ancient oak-timbered walls of palisade construction. The current structure dates from the eleventh century, with later restorations and alterations. The body of St Edmund is said to have rested temporarily at Greensted on the journey to Bury St Edmunds. The oldest Norwegian stave churches, the subject of our April 2025 lecture, are similar in age. *Please note: Greensted Church does not have toilet facilities or wheelchair access—but the coach is fully equipped.*

Please provide car registration details at least 72 hours before travelling on the trip.

Please return the form to the Visit Organiser: Jane Pearson, Cob Cottage, The Street, Great Tey, Colchester CO6 1JS Email: drjanepearson@hotmail.com Tel: 01206 210855, Mob: 07541 728442

Name(s):

Email:

Mobile Telephone:

Contact Name & Number in Case of Emergency:

Vehicle registration for parking at the Delta by Marriott/Marks Tey Hotel:

PAYMENT: post or hand a cheque to the Visit Organiser for **£52 (English Heritage rate—valid membership card required on the visit) or £65 (non-EH rate)**, payable to **The Arts Society Colchester**,

If you wish to pay online, please notify the Visit Organiser beforehand and confirm when the payment is made. The BACS details are below:

Account Name: The Arts Society Colchester

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