DSA VISIT TO HUGHENDEN MANOR – "HILLSIDE"

Thursday, 28 March 2024

The DSA has arranged a group visit to Hughenden Manor on 28 March 2024.

Hughenden, Buckinghamshire, is a Victorian mansion with earlier origins that served as the Prime Minister's country house, Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield. It is owned by the National Trust and open to the public. It sits on the brow of the hill west of the main A4128 road that links Hughenden to High Wycombe. HP14 4LA

At the start of WW2 there were few accurate Allied maps of Germany, and early RAF bombing raids were ineffective, leading to the need to set up a map-making operation. Hughenden was requisitioned by the Air Ministry from 1941-46 and, code-named "Hillside", the home of Air Intelligence 1b, the Air Ministry branch responsible for producing the target maps to plan and carry out every mission. During the war, it was equipped with small-format Roland printing machines responsible for producing foolscap size RAF Target Maps. It also produced lattice overlays for aeronautical charts. "Hillside" moved to Bushy Park shortly after the war and became No. 2 SPC.

PROGRAMME AND TIMINGS

1030 - Assemble at Hughenden Manor.
1030 - 1100 – Coffee.
1100 - 1145 – Tour of Manor, former home of Disraeli, and outline welcoming talk on "Hillside" in World War Two by John Poules of National Trust, Hughenden.
1145 – 1230 – PowerPoint illustrated talk on "Early RAF Aeronautical Charts 1914-1946" by Mike Nolan.
1230 - 1250 – Move to Polecat Inn, Prestwood, Gt Missenden, HA6 0HJ for lunch, perhaps sharing transport to reduce the number of cars—estimated cost of lunch: £20 - £25 per head.
1250 - 1420 – Lunch.
1420 - 1430 – Return to Hughenden Manor.
1430 – 1520 – PowerPoint illustrated talk on Target Maps 1914 - 1946 by Mike Nolan.
1520 - 1600 – Discussion/Questions, or a further free tour of Hughenden Manor, and disperse.
ATTENDANCE AND COST

Cost
The event is a DSA visit to a historic World War II location associated with map making.

The cost per person is £20.

Hughenden Manor is a National Trust Property, however, the visit arrangement will not discount National Trust members.

Lunch will be at The Pole Cat Arms. Payment for lunch and drinks is on an individual basis.

Registration to Attend
For those who would like to attend, please email the DSA Treasurer, giving your name and your guests' names. For Hughenden's benefit, please indicate whether you are an NT member – your number would assist the NT with their statistics.

Please email: chris@barringtonbrown.co.uk

Include in the email: Name, email, mobile phone number, NT member number if applicable, and state that £20 per person has been paid.

Payment
Please make an advanced payment to the DSA by bank transfer (£20 per person).

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If you cannot pay by bank transfer, please email chris@barringtonbrown.co.uk for instructions (at present, DSA cannot take cheques).

Closing Date
The closing date for registration and payment is 22 March 2024, but earlier commitment would be welcomed.