

Dear Member,

The next event of the Burtons's St Leonards Society will be a coach-party visit on Saturday 22nd September to James Burton's mansion at Mabledon near Tonbridge followed by a viewing of the Chagall windows in Tudeley Church.

Mabledon is a *faux Tudor* castle designed and built by James Burton in 1803. It was the family home of James and Elizabeth Burton until they moved to 57 Marina, (Crown House) in his St Leonards New Town in 1830. Ten of their children spent their formative years there notably Decimus and Alfred who supervised the later developments of the Burton Estate in St Leonards from their houses in Maze Hill.

Mabledon and its extensive gardens remain substantially as James left them in 1830's. The current owners are keen supporters of the Burtons' heritage and have kindly agreed to host this visit by members and friends of the Burtons' St Leonards Society.

We will rejoin the coach at 10.00 from the bus stop on the crest of Upper Maze Hill adjacent Albany Road. We are scheduled to arrive at Mabledon at 11.00 and will be able to view much of the interior of this very large house and gardens. We will have our sandwich lunches within the house or garden (weather permitting). At 3.00 pm we will rejoin the coach for the short journey to Tudeley south of Tonbridge to view the windows by Chagall - a masterpiece of 20 century art. We will return to Upper Maze Hill by 5.30 pm,

The charge for the day inclusive of the light sandwich lunch is £20.00. The charge to non members is £25.00. Red or white wine will be available at £2.50 per glass. We anticipate strong demand for places so early reservation is recommended to Christine at 1 West Ascent or by email to christopher.ms@icloud.com or landline 01424 422406