

## Chenies House and Gardens with included lunch and cream tea

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026



Chenies Manor House and gardens are set in the estate village of Chenies, overlooking the Chiltern Hills and Chess Valley.

The coach will leave Bedfont Football & Social Club, Hatton Road, TW14 9QT at 9.30.

There will be a refreshment stop at Burston Garden Centre with time to look round before heading to the Garston Harvester for the included two course lunch.

After lunch we take the short drive to Chenies Manor where there is free time to explore the gardens before enjoying an included tea/coffee and home-made scone with cream and jam, either outside at the lawn garden tables or in the tea-room.

The compact gardens, famous for their stunning late summer dahlia displays, are accessible and just the place to while away a summer afternoon looking round the colourful sunken garden, yew maze, physic garden, kitchen gardens and herb beds.

Group guided tours of the Manor House, which has an interesting history, can also be arranged. The tours last around 40 minutes and are not included as standard as involve some stairs but can be booked for an additional £8 per person.

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Belonging to the Cheyne family from 1180 until the late 13th century when they were obliged to surrender it to Edward I in payment of debts the house later passed by marriage to the Russell family (the Dukes of Bedford) and was used as their main residence, playing host to royalty such as Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, until 1647 when the 4th Earl moved the family seat to Woburn. After that it was occupied by various tenants and stewards until bought in 1956 by Colonel and Mrs Macleod Matthews and since then it has remained in their family and has been featured in numerous films & period dramas.

We leave Chenies at 5pm to return to Bedford, arriving back around 6pm.

**The cost is £64pp for members & £66 non-members plus £8 if you wish to book a house tour. Please send booking forms by 20<sup>th</sup> July.**