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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

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Dear Member,

Following the successes of the past two years your Committee has decided, after careful consideration, upon Ham House for the venue of this year's Spring Outing.

Ham House was given to the National Trust by Sir Lyonel Tollemache, Bart. and the Government purchased its valuable contents for nearly £60,000. The house was originally built in 1610, but was considerably enlarged and lavishly furnished by the Duke and Duchess of Lauderdale in the reign of Charles II. Most of this furniture and decoration has been carefully preserved in the house as it stands today.

This fine "restoration" mansion contains many beautiful paintings (several by Sir Joshua Reynolds and Sir Peter Lely) and a collection of Tapestries made by ex-Mortlake Weavers, together with many fine examples of Period furniture.

The coach will leave the "George" at 2 p.m. sharp on Saturday, 24th May, and after the party has visited the house tea has been arranged at the restaurant in the grounds. It is hoped that weather permitting, the return journey will be through Hampton Court and part of Buckinghamshire.

The fare, including entrance to House and tea, will be 10/6d. (Members of The National Trust 1/-d less if their membership ticket is presented at Ham House).

If you will fill in the form below and send same to me as soon as possible, stating the number of seats required, I shall be pleased to forward tickets. It will also help if remittance is sent at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. CURL,  
Hon. Secretary