



Thames Valley Network

Study Day

Preserving the Nations Heritage - *the work of the National Trust*

14 May 2015

Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, Bucks HP18 0JH



Back in 1895, the National Trust was founded with the aim of saving our nation's heritage and open spaces. Today they're still working hard to uphold this aim. They look after historic houses, gardens, mills, coastline, forests, farmland, moorland, islands, castles, nature reserves, villages... and pubs. This work is fascinating and relies upon dedicated professionals as well as a huge number of volunteers and the balance of restoration and preservation is evident in many National Trust properties.

This study day will explore issues associated with looking after heritage and be of interest to U3A members who are also National Trust Members.

The speakers will be:

- **Steven Lang, Head of Consultancy for the National Trust, (London and South East)** His career has encompassed a variety of roles from his start in languages and, travel to, leading the team at Dover Castle for English Heritage, and the last 4-5 years with the National Trust championing the visitor enjoyment, commercial and supporter side of the organisation. Properties in his patch include Chartwell, Sissinghurst, Waddesdon and outdoor sites such as Box Hill and the White Cliffs of Dover.
- **Jane Finch, Steward for the collection at Waddesdon** She is a Steward for the collection at Waddesdon, having joined the stewarding team over 20 years ago and has included multitude of tasks and projects in her work, including an MA in furniture conservation restoration, and Decorative arts.

The Study Day provisional programme is:

10:00	Arrive. Registration. Coffee
10:30	Introduction
10:40	Talk: Jane Finch 'Restoration and preservation at Waddesdon Manor'.
11:15	Guided tour of the ground floor of the Manor House
12:15	LUNCH
14:00	Talk: Steven Lang 'The Work of the National Trust, Preserving the Nation's heritage'.
15:00	Other activities at Waddesdon, including visits to exhibitions, gardens, aviary, cellars etc.
16:30	Finish

The Study Day Fee is £10.00. This includes participation in the full programme, including the guided tour, plus coffee/tea on arrival. No arrangements are included for lunch; delegates are free to eat at any of the cafes or the restaurant facilities at the venue, or bring their own packed lunch. Members of U3As not affiliated to the Thames Valley Network are welcome at an additional fee of £2.00. Please note that those who wish to attend who are NOT members of the National Trust will have to pay the additional fee of £13 for entry to Waddesdon Manor.

Further information can be obtained from :

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