## **London and South East Branch** Retired members section CHEVENING

**Tuesday 16 September 2014** 

This meeting has been organized by George Freeman and Jill Haigh



The house was built before 1630 by the Lennard family. It was bought in 1717 by General James Stanhope who was George I's First Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer, made an Earl in 1718. This very grand Georgian house was designed and furbished by him and later generations of his family. It has recently been sympathetically restored by Insall & Partners and is run by a trust for the use of the government, currently for the use of the Foreign Minister and the deputy prime minister on alternate weeks. The gardens are extensive and the estate very large. The tour lasts for 1½ hours followed by tea and a chance to see the garden.

TN14 6HC

Security at Chevening is high. I need to know your name and car registration.

**Assemble** in the Bricklayer's Arms, Chipstead for an early lunch at 12:00. TN13 2RZ

11:30 - 11:45	Train travellers meet in Sevenoaks station for bus to Chipstead. Car drivers go to pub.
12:00	Lunch in Pub
13:30 - 13:45	Drive to Chevening
14:00 - 16:00	Tour and tea
16:00 - 17:00	Walk round garden and depart

**LUNCH** will be in the Bricklayer's Arms, Chipstead for an early lunch. We will pre-order. Good food with beer from Harvey's of Lewes.

## **TRAVEL**

Those travelling by **train**, meet in the entrance to Sevenoaks railway station by 11:45. We will walk to the minibus/taxi for transport to the pub.

Possible trains are Charing Cross 10:45 arriving 11:18; 11:00 arriving 11:35 and 11:10 arriving 11:41, all stopping at London Bridge. Please check times nearer the event.

**Car** drivers park opposite the pub in the public carpark. There is easy access from the north on the B2211. The road through the village from Riverhead is narrow with sections of single track. It might be OK from Bessels Green.

After lunch we may have to share cars. We will drive to the house (1 mile) in convoy and park in front of the house.

## **CONTACTS**

Before the meeting - George Freeman <u>georgefreeman@georgefreeman.force9.net</u> 020 8979 1271 On the morning only - George Freeman 07941 916 944 or Tony Colclough 07930 171307.

## **COSTS**

£27 each for a minimum of 15 and maximum of 20. Lunch at cost.

