Visits to Farrs and Mapperton House, Beaminster, Wednesday July 4th at 10:30am

Beaminster lies in a natural bowl of beautiful surrounding country and offers the chance to visit two delightful houses and their very different gardens on the same day. The visit to Farrs starts in the car park, where we meet at 1030. You can expect a warm welcome at Farrs which enables a fascinating insight to the work and creativity of the renowned furniture designer, John Makepeace. Whilst John will show and discuss his outstanding collection of furniture, ceramics, silver and paintings to half the group, his wife, Jennie, will offer coffee or tea in the kitchen (don’t miss seeing the table and chairs!) to the other half before conducting a tour of the varied gardens, including the famous topiary. After 40 minutes the groups will change over. This visit is limited to 2 groups of maximum 20 people each. This visit should conclude by 1215-1230.

Directions to Farrs: from Bridport follow A3066. On entering Beaminster, note the brown sign to Mapperton House on the right pointing up Whitcombe Road, B3136. Farrs is No 3 Whitcombe Road, adjacent to the well-signed Beaminster Museum. Post Code DT8 3NB. A Cam. Soc. member will be standing by the gate. Parking is restricted at Farrs, which we will reserve for those with limited mobility. (Please identify your need below.) There may be some street parking nearby but, otherwise, there is pay parking just a 5 minute walk away in the town square or in the Yarn Barton carpark just off the square. Charge £1.10 for 3 hours. Toilets are close by and next to Farrs car park.

Lunch: from Beaminster follow the signs to Mapperton House taking the B3163 Whitcombe Road. About 10 minutes drive. A light lunch will await us in the Sawmill Café, in the newly converted long barn, close to the carpark. Toilets adjacent. Please notify any special dietary requirements below.

Mapperton House, the home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich, is regarded as one of the finest Jacobean country mansions in England and has extensive gardens, including the famous Italian garden. There will be 40 minute, conducted tours of the house for groups up to 16 starting at 1400, 1430 and 1500, so there will be plenty of opportunity to see both the house and the gardens, which will remain open until 1700. Afternoon teas can be purchased at any time in the Sawmill Café. The Mapperton House website has lots of pictures of both house and garden.

The cost for this combined visit will be £35, which includes lunch. Payment can be made by bank transfer to our account with HSBC, sort code 40-17-22, account number 31130641 or by cheque to The Cambridge Society of Dorset. Please email your booking to David Shepherd on sheps_mewstone@hotmail.com or post (with cheque if appropriate) to 6 Elgin Road, Talbot Woods, Bournemouth, BH4 9NL (tel: 01202 761397) by Wednesday 27th June. Please enclose SAE if you wish your booking to be acknowledged.

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I/We wish to attend at a cost of £35 per person

I enclose my cheque ....... OR I have paid online ...... (ref: surname and ‘Farrs’)  Please tick

Member(s) .......................................................... Phone no ..................................

Email (clearly please) ..........................................................

Guest(s) ..........................................................

Any special dietary requirements? ..........................................................

Do you require parking close to Farrs (restricted mobility only please)? ..........................