GRENDON COURT PROGRAMME

Friday 17th September 2021

Grendon Court, Upton Bishop, Ross on Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR9 7QP

Tour of Grendon Court Gardens, Lunch and Guest Speaker

Air Vice Marshal Michael Jackson

Programme

11.00am Arrival

11.30am Tour of garden

12.45pm Luncheon

2.00pm Speaker: Air Vice Marshal Michael Jackson, Topic: “Military Spooks behind The Iron Curtain”

3.15pm Depart Grendon Court

Grendon Court is owned by Mark (Trinity 1976) and Kate Edwards. It has a contemporary garden designed by Tom Stuart-Smith. The garden is planted on 2 levels - a delightful collection of mass planted perennials and grasses of different heights, textures and colour to give all year-round interest. The upper walled garden with a sea of flowery grasses is a highlight, with views of the pond and valley walk. Those who enjoyed our summer visit in 2018 will be able to see how the garden has changed by early autumn.

Kate Edwards will give a brief explanation and will walk round the garden with us answering any questions.

You should bring wellies/boots if you want to stroll down the valley later.

The garden is accessible for disabled people.

Our speaker, Air Vice Marshal Michael Jackson, is an Alumnus of Wolfson College, Cambridge. After successive roles in the RAF as a navigator and commander in several countries he became Defence & Air Attaché in Warsaw during the Cold War, subsequently being appointed Director of
the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre and then Director General, Defence Intelligence Staff. After leaving the RAF he became Executive Director for two U.S. Corporations responsible for business in the defence & intelligence sectors. He has been a governor of the Duke of York’s Royal Military School and directed the renovation and conservation of the ancient Guildhall in Bury St Edmunds. Michael is married to Kay and they have 2 adult married sons.

**Pre-book your meal (using the booking form)**

**Mains**

Chicken thighs à l’orange OR \{ with a choice of Ottolenghi salads &

Roasted vegetable Mediterranean quiche \} new potatoes

**Desserts**

Home made meringue, seasonal fruits & cream

Tap water will be freely available.

Other drinks may be purchased from the bar on the day.

Those requiring special diets (e.g. gluten free) please let me know.

**GETTING THERE**

Grendon Court, HR9 7QP, is 3 miles North-East of Ross on Wye, and is signposted off the B4224.

See map attached.

**CAR PARKING**

There is ample parking at Grendon Court.

If anyone would like a lift please contact me.

Please return the accompanying booking form, digitally or by post by **Thursday 9th September 2021** to:

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