

U3A MEOPHAM TRIP TO BLENHEIM PALACE - 30th APRIL 2019

Blenheim Palace is at Woodstock near Oxford and is a World Heritage site.



It was built by John Churchill (1st Duke of Marlborough), as a gift from Queen Anne after he won the battle against the French (and Bavarians), at Blenheim which is in Germany. The very impressive house was designed by Sir John Vanbrugh and completed in 1719. It has been the home of successive Dukes until the present day. Sir Winston Churchill was born there in 1874 and spent much of his childhood and school holidays there.



The house is situated on the river Glyme in 2,000 acres of parkland that was designed by Capability Brown. In addition, there are some formal gardens in

the style of those at Versailles in France. The gardens are the Water Terraces, Rose Garden, Secret Garden, Churchill Memorial Garden and Italian Garden. It should be noted that some of the gardens are within the park and involves walking to them.



There are facilities for refreshments, snacks and meals at the Palace, also in the nearby village of Woodstock which is within walking distance.

This will be a day trip by coach and the price of £38 and includes coach travel, entrance fee to the Palace, refreshments on arrival and a talk entitled '300 Years of the Palace's History'.

After the talk we will be able to explore the house and gardens and everyone will get an audio guide which is included in the price.