

## **Stonor Park**

### **Report submitted for Henley-on-Thames Annual Town Meeting 7 April 2016**

The last twelve months have been very busy and successful for Stonor Park. The highlights have been:

- The re-tiling of the historic Catholic Chapel and Clock Tower roofs, generously supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and other grant giving bodies;
- The building of a new Visitor Centre, improving access to and enjoyment of the House, Gardens and Park;
- The Chilterns Craft and Design Show celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year at Stonor Park;
- A successful season with increased visitor numbers.

In 2016 Lord and Lady Camoys are handing over the running of Stonor Park to the next generation, their son, The Honourable William Stonor and his wife, Lady Ailsa Stonor. So far this year we have:

- Worked with our partners, Artscience, to re-brand Stonor Park, launching a new website and leaflet;
- Re-furbished our Gift Shop which now boasts an increased range of merchandise for children;
- Enhanced the food offering in our Tea Room, re-branded the Stonor Pantry, to include award winning pies, savoury tartlets and soup; complimenting our sandwiches, homemade cakes and scones;
- We opened for the year on Easter Sunday with a fun Easter Egg trail and experienced increased visitor numbers.
- There is a new programme of events this year including:
  - The Stonor Tulip and Spring Flower Festival, 30 April to 2 May;
  - The Great Antique & Vintage Car Boot Fair, 29 May;
  - The Big Tree Climb, 1 June;

- The VW Owners Rally, 5 June;
- The Chilterns Craft & Design Show, 29 to 29 August;
- Mushroom Foraging, 23 September;
- Halloween Trail, 22-30 October.

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