

BRA Visit to Hatfield House Friday 21 July 2017

The BRA has organised a visit to Hatfield House for its members to see the house, its archives and the gardens. Hatfield House is the home of the 7th Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and their family. The Estate has been in the Cecil family for 400 years and Lord Salisbury is Patron of the British Records Association.

- 10am Coffee in the Marble Hall with Lord Salisbury
- 11am – 12.15pm Group divides into two. One visits the archives with the Archivist Sarah Whale, the other tours the House.
- 12.15pm – 1.45pm Lunch in Stable Yard, or picnic. Chance to visit the garden and shops.
- 1.45pm – 3pm Tour of House and Archives

If anyone wants to look round the gardens after this point then they are welcome to.

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Cost £10 per member. **The number of places is restricted to 20.** Members only may book until 7 July (limit 2 tickets per member). After that date booking will be open to non-members.

To reserve a place please send cheque to BRA Administrator Fiona Jones at BRA, 70 Cowcross St., London EC1M 6EJ (note new address) or if you wish to pay electronically email her at info@britishrecordsassociation.org.uk and she will deal with your request on her return from holiday.

Getting to Hatfield House: See <http://www.hatfield-house.co.uk/your-visit/how-to-find-us/>

The fast train from Kings Cross to Hatfield takes 20 minutes. The pedestrian entrance to Hatfield Park is opposite Hatfield railway station. There is a 9.34 train arriving at 9.56 and a 10.04 train arriving at 10.27. It takes about 10 minutes to walk from Hatfield train station to the main entrance to the House.

Alternatively you can drive Hatfield House is 21 miles from Central London, 7 miles North of the M25 motorway (junction 23) and 2 miles East of the A1(M) (junction 4).

The Cecil Papers are a privately held archive of approximately 30,000 sixteenth and seventeenth-century manuscripts, consisting principally of the correspondence of William Cecil, Lord Burghley (1520-1598) and his son Robert, the 1st Earl of Salisbury (1563-1612). These two men dominated the administration of government during the reign of Elizabeth I. The papers span the period 1520-1668, from the birth of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, to the death of William Cecil, 2nd Earl of Salisbury. Because of the importance of the Cecils, the materials offer crucial insights into the events of one of the most dynamic periods of history, including the marriages of Henry VIII, through the reign of Elizabeth I and the clandestine plans to facilitate James I/VI's accession, upon her death.