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Dear Members and friends,

Day trip to Highclere Castle on 31st July 2011

We are happy to offer to our members and friends a truly exceptional day out.

Highclere Castle is the home of the 8th Earl and Countess of Carnarvon (some of you may remember Lord Carnarvon giving the Vote of Thanks after the Zahi Hawass talk in the British Museum in December 2009) and houses also his great-grandfather's Tutankhamun collection. You will recall that the 5th Earl stood alongside Howard Carter when the tomb was discovered.

The house itself is stunning and was used for the Television Series, Downton Abbey. As a result the castle is in great demand but I have managed to secure a slot for the British Egyptian Society at 11.15am on Sunday 31st July. The cost will be £17.50.

Last time I booked an excursion it was to Oxford and I hired a coach from Victoria. This time maybe it will be easier to travel by car; there is an extensive car park and parking is free. However, if sufficient members wish for a coach from Victoria (and it would need to leave at 9am) I would be happy to organise a coach/minibus but will not be able to give you a price until I have found out how many would like this option.

I would suggest that we meet at a local hostelry for coffee at, say, 1030am at either the Carpenters Arms at Burghclere (5 mins away) or the Carnarvon Arms (2mins away). The museum and castle tour can take a leisurely 3 hours but we can reduce this if you feel this is too long. We can book tables for lunch at one of the two pubs for, say, 2pm which would give time to freshen up after the tour. I would welcome your thoughts on this.

Yours sincerely

Noel Rands, Secretary

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I /we would like to go on the trip to Highclere Castle on 31st July 2011 and enclose a cheque for:-

I /we would like a quote for a seat on a coach from Victoria at 9am

Name:

Address:

Tel/Fax/Email:

Signature:

Date:

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