NHAS: 2016 FIELD EXCURSION Sunday, July 3rd, 8.00am – c.6.30pm

SUTTON HOO, on the Deben estuary, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.

This exceptional site became famous in 1939, after the discovery by Basil Brown of the ship burial of a very wealthy Anglo-Saxon king. The site and the estate were given by the owner, Mrs. Kate Pretty, to the National Trust. Recent investment there by the Trust has greatly improved facilities for visitors.

Programme for the day

8.00am: Pick up point in St. Mary’s Square, Hitchin

8.20am: Pick up point outside Letchworth Library, Broadway, Letchworth. 8.30am: Leave L’worth

10.30am: Arrive at Sutton Hoo

10.30am/11.00am: Optional visit to the Exhibition or to the King’s River café

11.00am: Assemble, promptly, for our ‘timed entry’ as a Group, for the ‘Burial Mounds’ guided walk, on a level gravel path and on well trodden grass footpaths

12.15pm: End of the ‘Burial Mounds’ guided walk

12.30pm – 4.00pm: Light lunches are available in the 80 seater King’s River café; picnic lunches may be consumed outside, seating available and stunning views across the estuary!

Optional visits to the Exhibition with original finds on loan from the British Museum, to Mrs. Pretty’s house, Tranmer House, now refurbished in 1930’s style, and to the Shop. A map of ‘accessible walking routes’ across this riverside estate, will be available on arrival.

4.00pm: Depart Sutton Hoo

6.00pm: Drop off point outside Letchworth Library, Broadway, Letchworth

6.30pm: Drop off point in St. Mary’s Square, Hitchin

NB

The optional ‘Burial Mounds’ tour costs 2.50pp, and must be booked and paid for I month in advance of the visit date. Thus our CLOSING DATE for booking for this excursion will be WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st.

NHAS: BOOKING FORM for the visit to SUTTON HOO, on Sunday, 3rd JULY 2016.

Your name…………………………………………………………………………………………….

Your address………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Your phone number…………………………………………………………………………….

Your choice of pick up point………………………………………………………………..

Have you paid this year’s subscription to NHAS? ……………

(Subscriptions are due on June 1st 2016 for 2016/17: Adults: 19.00, Family: 24.00, Concessions i.e. over 65 years and under 16 years: 10.00. All payable to NHAS, c/o Mrs. D. Burleigh, 10 Cromwell Way, Pirton, Hitchin SG5 3RD.)

The National Trust gives free entry to Sutton Hoo, on production of a current valid NT membership card. If applicable, do please BRING YOURS WITH YOU, on the 3rd JULY!

Powered mobility vehicles are available on site; please tick here if you wish to book one:………………………

PRICE: Sutton Hoo ‘Adult Group’ booking + ‘Burial Mounds’ walk + Coach cost = 27.00 pp

National Trust member ……………….. (Please tick )

Discounted entry fee for an ‘Adult Group’ of 15+ people: 7.15 pp

Fee for the optional ‘Burial Mounds’ guided walk: 2.50pp

Fee for the cost of the coach: 17.35pp

TOTAL number of tickets: ………………… TOTAL amount of your cheque:……………………………………….

Cheques payable to North Herts Archaeology Society. Please send this form and your cheque, WITH an SAE, to Liz Hunter, Rose Cottage, Chequers Lane, Preston, Hitchin SG4 7TX. (telephone: 433859) as soon as possible, and certainly before WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st.

The committee would very much like to fill all 33 seats on the coach, and thus earn some income for the Society. Thus, do all please come on this excursion! Seriously, please ask your family, friends and neighbours to join us. The East coast estuaries can be cool and windy: please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Our coach will have a toilet on board.