

*An interesting visit.*

Have you ever thought of making a visit to **Stoneleigh Park**, the home of the **Royal Agricultural Society of England and The Royal Show**. Situated in the heart of rural Warwickshire it is located midway between Coventry and Leamington Spa with easy access to the motorway network M1, M5, M6, M40, M42 and M69.



Royal Show, Cambridge 1951  
Oil on canvas, Terence Cuneo

If you are interested, please contact Phillip Sheppy, Honorary Librarian, Royal Agricultural Society of England, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV 8 2LZ. Tel: 02476 853 076 (direct line) or email [phillips@rase.org.uk](mailto:phillips@rase.org.uk).

We will develop a programme – lasting some two hours or so – to suit your interests and would be able to include the following:

**The collection of valuable and rare old books and manuscripts relating to the development of the land based industries, many dating to before 1700.**

**The collection of important paintings, pictures and prints that relate to the development of our industry, many of which feature previous Royal Shows.**

**The collection of RASE and Royal Show memorabilia that goes back well into the 19<sup>th</sup>. Century.**

**And to hear a short presentation about the history of the RASE, the Royal Show and the Arthur Rank Centre, and an outline of the exciting plans for the future development of Stoneleigh Park into the National Centre for Rural Excellence.**



The Country Meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, Bristol 1842  
Oil on canvas, Richard Ansdell

We make no charge for the visit but invite donations towards the upkeep of the collections. Either Tuesdays or Thursdays are preferable but other days may be possible by arrangement.



Aerial view of Okefenokee Park

Catering facilities are available on site and we can arrange (at cost) for tea/coffee to be served or, should you wish to picnic, there are many quiet areas on the estate that are suitable for the purpose.

For those of you who may wish to ‘make a day of it’, **Coventry, Leamington Spa, Stratford upon Avon** and both **Warwick and Kenilworth Castles** are on the doorstep as are **numerous National Trust and other properties that are open to the public.**