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'Midsummer champagne reception'

Dumfries House

For our members' event in June, we have arranged a visit to Dumfries House near Cumnock. Members and guests will enjoy a guided tour of this prestigious house followed by a champagne reception and buffet.

Designed 250 years ago by renowned 18th century architect brothers John, Robert and James Adam, Dumfries House is an imposing Palladian mansion nestled within 2,000 acres of scenic countryside. Built between 1754 and 1760 for the 5th Earl of Dumfries, today the house is widely acknowledged as one of the most architecturally significant stately homes within the United Kingdom.

After the death of the Dowager Marchioness of Bute in 1993, the property was later put up for sale by its former owner, the aristocrat and former racing driver Johnny Bute, who is now the 7th Marquess of Bute. However, in November 2007 the mansion and its collection of Chippendale and other unique furniture, was saved from sale and certain break-up after a dramatic last minute intervention by a consortium led by HRH The Prince of Wales. An independent trust, The Great Steward's of Scotland's Dumfries House Trust, was established to manage the presentation and maintenance of the house, its collection and grounds.

In 2008, the Roadshow team of BBC One's Antique Roadshow visited Dumfries House, filming for its 31st series.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience one of Ayrshire's hidden gems.

The evening will commence at 6.30pm for a guided tour of the house and gardens, followed by a champagne reception and canapes. The cost is £20 for members and £27.50 for non-member.

To register, please book online at www.aabw.org.uk **no later than Monday, 8th June 2009.**

Payment can be made prior to the event by booking online or on the evening. Please make cheques payable to AABW

We need to pay for the number of people booked on to the tour. Please note that if you cancel after close of business on Monday, 15th June 2009 or do not attend the event, the AABW will pass on this charge to you.



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