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Visit to New Taplow Paper Mill and The Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham Thursday 10th February 2005

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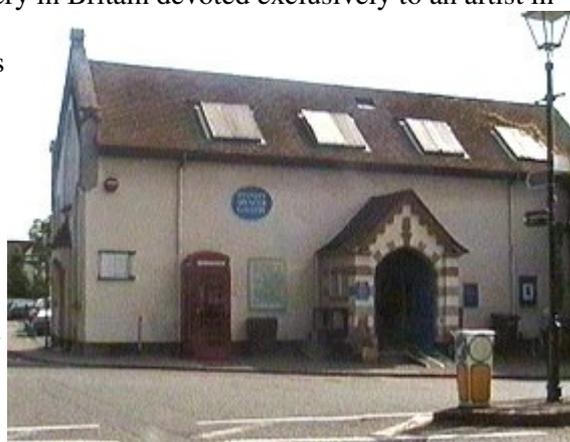
The New Taplow Paper Mill recycles waste paper. Our visit will start with a brief talk on paper, how it is made and recycled. At Taplow waste paper is turned into Fluting, the central layers of cardboard. This is used in other parts of the St Regis Paper Company to make cardboard and turned into boxes, etc. After the talk we will be shown the factory.

Lunch will be taken in a pub in Cookham.

Stanley Spencer, 1891-1959, spent much of his life in Cookham. We will have a talk about his life, painting and influence in the 20th century. The Gallery will be opened especially for us and we will be free to view his work at our leisure. The Stanley Spencer Gallery is unique as the only gallery in Britain devoted exclusively to an artist in the village where he was born and spent most of his working life.

To Spencer, Cookham was the scene of heavenly visitations and its influence can be seen when touring the village. Set in the heart of the village he immortalised, the gallery occupies the former Victorian Methodist Chapel where Spencer was taken as a child to worship.

Not far from "Fernlea", the cottage where Spencer was born and lived in Cookham High Street, the gallery was opened in 1962 as a memorial through the effort of the people of Cookham and support from far beyond. It can be found at the end of the High Street (opposite the Bel and Dragon pub) The gallery is self-supporting and exhibits are changed during the year. It contains a permanent collection of his work, together with letters, documents, memorabilia, and the pram in which Spencer wheeled his equipment when painting landscapes. It also displays important works on long-term loan, and mounts a winter and summer exhibition each year. Over a thousand works have been shown since the gallery opened.



Programme

- 10.45 Assemble at the works.
- 11.00 Talk by David Ashton, Technical Manager, followed by tour in two groups.
- 12.30 Drive to Cookham for lunch
- 14.00 Stanley Spencer Gallery for the talk and viewing.
- 16.00 Gallery closes.

Taplow is just north of the A4 and east of Maidenhead. The works are east of the Thames at the start of the Jubilee River. Taplow station (1 mile) is on the main line from Paddington. Lifts can be arranged. For Cookham, leave the works, turn right, over the river and right again on to A4094, about 2 miles.

Costs £3 each (for gallery). Food etc at cost. The maximum number is 14, limited by safety in the factory. Maps and details will be sent to successful applicants.