

BOOK REVIEW

NUFFIELD PLACE

I have been reading a booklet from the UK National Trust titled NUFFIELD PLACE. Its 32 pages give a glimpse of how William and Elizabeth Morris lived their private lives in rural Oxfordshire. Their home since the mid-30s, it is tastefully art deco in its style of furniture and fittings. Like many of us Morris had renovations done to better suit their lifestyle when they bought this house. Typically, he engaged a local builder rather than an architect to make these changes and updates. While well known for his frugal ways, they did live very comfortably. When questioned about his wealth, he said, 'Well you can only wear one suit at a time'. Lady Nuffield was an accomplished seamstress, trained at a large Oxford department store. She made many of her own clothes as well as uniforms for her staff.

Morris died without any descendants which is hardly a surprise given the separate bedrooms he and his wife occupied. They also holidayed separately at times but were never-the-less a well matched couple.

Alan Gulleford

**William &
Elizabeth
Morris**



Lord and Lady
at Nuffield Place