

**Invite from the Friends of Leamington Spa Art Gallery and Museum:  
All welcome**

## **Historic House and Gardens Excursions 2023**

**BARBER INSTITUTE & BOURNEVILLE VILLAGE (and Serbian Orthodox Church),  
BIRMINGHAM**

**WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL Depart at 8.45 am - £33 pp.**



Travelling straight to the Barber Institute to view their permanent collection. There may be one or two well-known paintings from the Birmingham Art Gallery on display that are on loan while their gallery is being rewired and essential works carried out. There is a small refreshment area at the gallery with a tea/coffee machine.

At 11.45am we travel to **Bourneville** and visit the **Serbian Orthodox Church** which was built by Serbs who came to England from the former Yugoslavia at the end of WWII. The church was consecrated in 1968. The al-secco paintings which cover the walls and ceiling of the church, are copies of well-known mediaeval frescoes found in ancient Serbian monasteries. We then travel back to Bourneville Village and lunch (not included in price) at the Bourneville Garden Centre.

Alternatively, there are a couple of cafes in Bourneville Village and seats for picnics.

We meet at Selly Manor at 2.30pm (a few minutes' walk from the garden centre) and take a tour of the Manor and a walking tour of Bourneville. There will be a break for tea/cake (included in price). Leaving at 4.45pm.

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**FELLEY PRIORY GARDEN AND NEWSTEAD ABBEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
WEDNESDAY 24 MAY - Depart at 8.30am - £56 pp or £49.50 for RHS members.**



We will go straight to Felley Priory Garden where coffee and lunch are available to purchase from the Tea Room. Picnics are not permitted in the garden. This hidden gem of a garden in Nottinghamshire has been developed since 1973 around Felley Priory, which is not open but there is an interesting history on the website. Free to wander and enjoy the 2.5-acre site and visit the nursery

before we leave at 2.00pm for Newstead Abbey, approx. 30 mins.

From Romantic poet Lord Byron through Medieval, Gothic Revival and Victorian Revival, Newstead Abbey is a treasure trove of the rare, beautiful, and historically significant. We will be having private tours, followed by tea/cake, included in the price. There are gardens, lake, and parkland to explore before we head home.

Felley Priory Garden admit RHS members free, please indicate on booking form and bring your membership card. Leaving at 5.00pm

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**RHS GARDEN (Worsley New Hall) BRIDGEWATER**  
**THURSDAY 22 JUNE – Depart 8.30am - £43.85 pp or £33.50 for RHS members.**



RHS Garden Bridgewater is the fifth RHS garden and one of the largest gardening projects undertaken in Europe in recent years. On the site of Worsley New Hall, the 154-acre historic green space has been revived in recent years by award-winning garden designers to include a Walled Garden, Kitchen Garden, Chinese Streamside Garden, Paradise Garden, and lots more.

In Salford, Greater Manchester, it is a longer journey for us, but we will have a stop enroute. There are plenty of cafes for purchasing lunch or bring your own picnic. There is also a garden centre and shop. RHS members have free admittance and can bring a guest free. Please indicate on booking form and bring your membership card. Leaving at 4.30pm.

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**STAMFORD & BURGLEY HOUSE, LINCOLNSHIRE**  
**TUESDAY 25 JULY - Depart at 8.30am - £43 pp.**



Travelling straight to Stamford where you can wander at your leisure enjoying this delightful town.

You may be interested to see St. John's Church, which is now redundant and in the care of the Church Conservation Trust. It has medieval origins and is Grade I listed. It stands in St. John's Street, near the centre of town, and is open every day. There is also an Eleanor Cross in the town. There are plenty of cafes to obtain lunch or bring a picnic. We then travel to Burghley House, the Elizabethan house built by William Cecil, which stands on the outskirts of Stamford. There will be a tour of the house at 2.30pm which lasts approx. an hour. You can then enjoy the extensive grounds and purchase a cup of tea in one of the cafes before we leave.

Leaving at 5.00pm

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SELSLEY & RODMARTON MANOR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
TUESDAY 15 AUGUST – Depart at 9.15am - £56pp.**



A wonderful opportunity to visit a fine pair of Arts & Crafts Movement buildings. The stained glass at All Saints was the first ecclesiastical commission from Morris & Co and features stained glass by Morris, Rossetti, and Burne-Jones. Rodmarton Manor was built by Ernest Barnsley, also a follower of William Morris, for the Biddulph family and is a treasure trove of work by local Cotswold craftsmen.

There will be coffee and biscuits on arrival (included in price) at Selsley with volunteer guides to take us around the church. After a sandwich lunch (also included in price) we shall transfer to Rodmarton Manor for a guided tour of the house. There will be some free time to explore the garden afterwards. Leaving at 4.15pm

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All excursions leave from Newbold Comyn with a pick-up in Newbold Terrace, opposite the Spa Centre, about 5 minutes later. Please bring your RHS membership card if you are a member.  
**It is essential that you familiarise yourself with the Information Sheet on the FLAG website before submitting your booking.**

