

# LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## 2023 OUTINGS ISSUE (Rev 'A', March 2023)

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Rev A: Outing 23C - Scotney Castle replaces Goddards Green Garden.

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## OUTING 23A

## BATES GREEN FARM GARDEN & BLUEBELL WALK and MICHELHAM PRIORY HOUSE & GARDENS

Thu 4 May 2023

### A SELF-DRIVE OUTING

**Bates Green Farm, Tye Hill Road Arlington, Polegate, BN26 6SH**



A morning visit to the tranquil 1.5-acre garden at Bates Green Farm which is most easily described as an English Garden planted in a naturalistic style for year-round interest.

The garden has featured in publications such as The English Garden, Homes & Gardens and Homes & Antiques. In addition to the gardens there are plant sales, a book room and a collection of petting animals. Also included in the ticket price is the opportunity to visit Beaton's Wood, an ancient oakwood, where from mid-April to mid-May the woodland floor transitions from a fresh green carpet of emerging bluebell leaves, to a white display of wood anemones, followed by a unique view of green, white and blue as the English Bluebells emerge and then the many vistas of blue when the bluebells fully open. As we know, flowering times are governed by the seasons, but our visit in early May should ensure that there will be something beautiful to enjoy.

### **Michelham Priory House & Gardens, Upper Dicker, Hailsham, BN27 3QS**

Originally a former C13 Augustinian priory (destroyed in the dissolution of the monasteries), set on an island within England's largest medieval moat. A later Tudor house remains, where you can learn about 800 years of history of the site, from the medieval period right up to World War 2. Outside, there are seven acres of beautiful grounds and buildings to explore, including a great barn, medieval gate house, watermill and the kitchen, physic and medieval herb gardens. Take a walk around the moat and enjoy the sculptures.



#### **Accessibility:**

**Bates Green Farm Garden & Beaton's Wood:** Good accessibility. Disabled parking located opposite the entrance to Bates Green Farm. The 2/3 of a mile circular walk around Beaton's Wood has been made accessible for wheelchair users and there are plenty of seats where you can sit and soak up the tranquillity.

**Michelham Priory:** Mostly wheelchair accessible. Accessible toilets and parking. A motorized scooter and a wheelchair are available on a first-come-first-served basis if pre-booked.

#### **Refreshments:**

Bates Green Farm – Lunches are available to purchase yourself (run by charities). We suggest that you have lunch here and then reconvene at 14:00 at the entrance to Michelham Priory.

Michelham Priory – The café here also offers hot meals, sandwiches and snacks.

#### **Itinerary:**

- 10:00** Meet by the entrance at Bates Green Farm Garden (field parking and on-street parking).
- 14:00** Depart for Michelham Priory (a 5-minute drive). Meet at the entrance.
- 17:00** Michelham Priory closes.

**TICKET PRICES: Members of SAS/FOMP/HHA: £12**

**Non-members of above: £22**

**OUTING 23B**

**ANDY McINDOE'S GARDEN and  
HOUGHTON LODGE GARDEN**

**Wed 14 June 2023**

**A COACH OUTING**

**Andy McIndoe's Garden:**

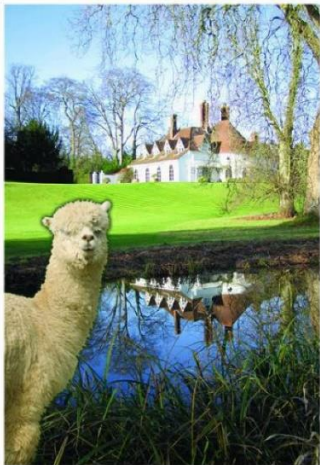
To complement Andy McIndoe's talk at our April evening meeting in King Edward Hall, we have been given the opportunity for an exclusive morning visit to Andy's own 2.5-acre garden near Romsey, Hants., where he will tell us all about its development. This beautiful garden is set on a sloping hillside on light, slightly acidic, sandy soil. The planting is naturalistic, with a large meadow and a wide variety of trees, shrubs and perennials. Numerous pots and containers feature on the terrace and there is a small gravel garden and 2 ponds.

(Books and plants for sale)



**Lunchtime:** We will take the coach to Stockbridge for a mooch around the independent shops, dinky cafés and inns and seek lunch for ourselves. Stockbridge is a classic Hampshire town with a picturesque high street.

**Houghton Lodge Garden:**



Houghton Lodge is a Grade II\* listed Cottage Orné, set in the heart of the Test Valley, surrounded by mature trees and lawns that sweep down to the River Test and is said to be one of the most beautiful privately owned homes and gardens in Hampshire. The walled garden, with its historical chalk cob wall, is home to a heritage orchard and the longest espaliered pear tree in Britain. The gardens contain all you would expect, including a wonderful herb garden; fruit cage; traditional vegetable bed; cutting, scented and wildflower beds; orchid house, sweet peas, rose and clematis arbour.

Ambling down to the riverside you can engage with the ever-friendly alpacas. The serpentine walk offers an enchanting mix of peace, with breathtaking views over the water meadows.

**Refreshments:**

**Andy McIndoe's Garden:** Light refreshments provided on arrival (included in the ticket price)

**Stockbridge:** Free time to explore the high street independently and find somewhere for lunch

**Houghton Lodge:** Pre-booked tea/coffee & cake prior to departure are included in the ticket price

**Accessibility:**

**Andy McIndoe's Garden:** Reasonable

**Houghton Lodge:** Access around the garden is good, with some slopes.

Wheelchairs and mobility scooters are not advised due to gravel paths.

**Itinerary:**

<b>07:50</b>	Meet outside United Reform Church to register	<b>14:15</b>	Arrive at Houghton Lodge - Initial introduction by the owner. Explore the gardens.
<b>08:00</b>	Depart Lindfield	<b>16:00</b>	Refreshments in 'Wild's' tea room before departing for Lindfield at around 16:45
<b>10:00</b>	Arrive at Andy McIndoe's Garden	<b>18:45</b>	Anticipated arrival in Lindfield
<b>12:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch in Stockbridge		

**TICKET PRICE: £56**

**OUTING 23C**

**SCOTNEY CASTLE (NT) and  
SISSINGHURST CASTLE GARDEN (NT)**

**Tue 11 Jul 2023**

**A COACH OUTING**

**Scotney Castle:**

A romantic picturesque garden with a 14<sup>th</sup> century moated castle ruin and a Victorian country mansion – set within a beautiful wooded estate. Within the gardens you will find hidden walkways, a quarry garden, a heather thatched icehouse, a walled garden and a Victorian boathouse. There are also expansive views across the wider estate.



**Sissinghurst Castle Garden:**



The renowned ‘garden in a castle’ with its fairytale tower, is the result of the design of Harold Nicholson and the lavish planting of Vita Sackville-West. The colour schemes, intimacy of the garden rooms and rich herbaceous borders are the epitome of an English garden. The wider estate includes a vegetable garden, lakes and a rich variety of wildlife.

**Accessibility:**

**Scotney Castle:** The garden is steep in places but criss-crossed by many accessible paths. An external lift gives access to the ground floor of the mansion house for wheelchairs. Accessible toilet.

**Sissinghurst:** Some steps/uneven terrain, but accessible route map available at reception. Level access to food outlets. Accessible toilet. Wheelchairs and small buggies welcome and a wheelchair can be booked in advance. A volunteer buggy service is available to transfer the less able bodied to various points by request on the day.

**Refreshments:**

**Scotney Castle:** Light refreshments are available in the Tea Room. Benches are located at many points around the gardens where you can enjoy a picnic/packed lunch.

**Sissinghurst:** Lunches are available in the Granary Restaurant until 3pm. Light refreshments available in the Coffee Shop. Also, picnics welcome - benches provided by the vegetable garden and the lakes.

**Itinerary:**

<b>09:55</b>	Meet outside United Reform Church, High Street, Lindfield to register
<b>10:00</b>	Depart Lindfield
<b>10:55</b>	Arrive at Scotney Castle
<b>13:35</b>	Depart
<b>14:00</b>	Arrive at Sissinghurst
<b>17:00</b>	Return to coach to depart for Lindfield
<b>18:10</b>	Anticipated arrival in Lindfield

**TICKET PRICE: NT Members £27 (Non-NT Members £56)**



**A COACH OUTING**

Come and enjoy the lovely gardens at RHS Hyde Hall, nestled in the heart of rural Essex. The normally tranquil and peaceful gardens will be buzzing as it will be the first day of their Annual Flower Show. As well as the dazzling flower displays, specialist nurseries will be there and you can get expert gardening tips from the expert exhibitors. Mouth-watering food can be enjoyed at various outlets in the stunning surroundings of the gardens.



The permanent gardens at Hyde Hall have an eclectic mix of traditional and modern styles which may give you a few ideas for your own garden. Highlights include the Dry Garden with its fantastic range of drought resistant plants and the Hilltop Garden with its roses and herbaceous borders, in addition to courtyard gardens, woodlands, herbaceous borders, global growth vegetable garden, ponds, island beds, lawns and much more. In fact, more than enough to keep us all on our feet for the entire day!

This outing is very reasonably priced through our affiliation to the RHS. Therefore, the Ticket Price purely covers our travel costs. However, we're sure you will be able to find some lovely new plants to spend your money on.

**N.B.** The number of tickets we are entitled to is limited and with such a reasonable ticket price, this outing is likely to be popular, so don't forget to book early!

Up to the end of March, priority booking will be given to LHS Members and to single or sole Members who may apply for one additional person to accompany them. Non-member applications for any spare tickets will be welcomed thereafter.

**Accessibility:** The gardens and buildings are accessible, however, please note that this is a hill-top garden, with sloping areas. Plans of recommended routes are available and staff will be happy to advise on any areas which may not be accessible. Wheelchair and mobility scooter hire is available with advance reservations; please note on your application form if you would like us to book on your behalf.

**Itinerary:**

<b>08:15</b>	Meet outside United Reform Church, High Street, Lindfield to register
<b>08:30</b>	Depart Lindfield
<b>10:30</b>	Anticipated arrival time at RHS Hyde Hall
<b>15:45</b>	Meet the coach at the meeting point as advised on the day
<b>16:00</b>	Depart Hyde Hall
<b>18:00</b>	Anticipated arrival in Lindfield

**TICKET PRICE: £25**

**OUTING 23E**

**PRENPLANTS NURSERY**  
**(A Plantaholic's Dream)**

**Thu 24 Aug 2023**

**A SELF-DRIVE OUTING**

**Prenplants Sussex Limited**, Birch Copse, Haven Road, The Haven, Billingshurst, RH14 9BG

Prenplants is a family run, wholesale nursery, who grow and deliver a wide range of high quality, container grown, peat-free plants (generally, herbaceous perennials) to Garden and Plant Centres, Landscapers, Garden Designers and Local Authorities. They also supply plants to RHS, Leonardslee, National Trust and Sandringham.

We have arranged for an 'out of hours', evening visit for a talk, demonstration and a tour, with an opportunity to go shopping for plants at reduced prices.

N.B. Ensure you have plenty of space available in your car boot as you are bound to come away with a few 'must haves' for your garden.



**Accessibility:**

Generally reasonable on level ground, suitable for electric buggies and wheelchairs in most areas.

**Refreshments:**

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes are included in the ticket price.

**Itinerary:**

**18:00** Arrival. Parking area on site.

**18:15** Talk, tour and demonstration followed by SHOPPING!!!

**TICKET PRICE: £6**

**OUTING 23F**

**OAKLANDS FARM GARDEN (NGS) and**  
**DURRANCE MANOR GARDEN (NGS)**

**Tue 12 Sep 2023**

**A SELF-DRIVE OUTING**

**Oaklands Farm, Hooklands Lane, Shipley, Horsham, RH13 8PX:**

A country garden designed by Nigel Philips in 2010. An oak-lined drive leading to the house and farm opens out to an enclosed courtyard with pleached hornbeam and yew. The herbaceous borders are colourful throughout the year. Vegetable garden with raised beds and greenhouse with white peach and vine. Wild meadow leading to orchard and views across the fields, full of sheep and poultry. We will break for lunch around 12:00, although you are welcome to stay on at Oaklands Farm where there are plenty of tables and chairs if you would like to bring a picnic lunch\* with you.

**Durrance Manor, Smithers Hill Lane, Shipley, Horsham, RH13 8PE:**



This gorgeous 2-acre garden surrounding a medieval hall house (not open) enjoys uninterrupted views over a ha-ha to the South Downs and Chanctonbury Ring. There are many different gardens here, Japanese inspired gardens, a large pond, wildflower meadow and orchard, colourful long borders and vegetable garden. There is also a pond with Monet style bridge.

**Accessibility:**

**Oaklands Farm:** Good access in most areas. Wheelchair access over gravel and brick paths, large lawn area and grassy paths.

**Durrance Manor:** Access reasonable.

**Refreshments:**

**Oaklands Farm:** Refreshments (tea/coffee and cake) are included in the ticket price. Picnics in the garden are welcome, tables & chairs provided.

\* **Lunch:** There may also be an opportunity for a pub lunch, if any of the local hostelrys are open and serving lunches that day. Please note your interest on the application form and we'll find out.

**Durrance Manor:** Refreshments (tea/coffee & biscuits) included in the ticket price.

**Itinerary:**

<b>10:30</b>	Arrive Oaklands Farm
<b>12:00</b>	Break for lunch - picnic at Oaklands Farm (or a pub lunch, <u>if available</u> )
<b>14:00</b>	Reconvene at Durrance Manor
<b>16:30</b>	Depart for Lindfield

**TICKET PRICE: £ 20**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**OUTING 23A**

**BATES GREEN FARM GARDEN & BLUEBELL WALK**  
**and MICELHAM PRIORY HOUSE & GARDENS**

**Thu 4 May 2023**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** ..... SAS/FOMP/HHA Member\*      Y / N

**Applicant 3** ..... SAS/FOMP/HHA Member\*      Y / N

**Applicant 4** ..... SAS/FOMP/HHA Member\*      Y / N

\*Members of SAS/FOMP/HHA have free entry to Michelham Priory. In this instance, the LHS Ticket Price of £22 per person can be reduced to £12 per person.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £ .....**

**N.B.**

1. LHS Members' priority booking ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March
2. Non-member bookings commence 1<sup>st</sup> April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application
4. SAS/FOMP/HHA Membership cards must be brought with you on the day or the full entry fee may be applied at the entrance to Michelham Priory.

**YOUR COMMENTS:**

*Please return your completed application slip & cheque **asap** to:*

*Heather Hitchcock, 81 William Allen Lane, Lindfield, RH16 2ST.  
01444 453202 / 07971 857182, Email: [outings.lhs@gmail.com](mailto:outings.lhs@gmail.com)*



**APPLICATION FORM**

**OUTING 23B**

**ANDY M<sup>c</sup>INDOE'S GARDEN and  
HOUGHTON LODGE GARDEN**

**Wed 14 Jun 2022**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 1** Refreshments Option A / B

**Applicant 2** (Name) ..... Refreshments Option A / B

**Applicant 3** (Name) ..... Refreshments Option A / B

**Applicant 4** (Name) ..... Refreshments Option A / B

**Refreshments Options\*:**

A = Tea/Coffee and Homemade Lemon Drizzle Cake with Vanilla Chantilly Cream & Berries

B = Tea/Coffee and Homemade Scone with Strawberry Jam & Clotted Cream

LHS Ticket Price is £56 per person

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**YOUR COMMENTS:**

\*Refreshments Options - Are you G/F or other?

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**OUTING 23C**

**SCOTNEY CASTLE (NT) and  
SISSINGHURST CASTLE GARDEN (NT)**

**Tue 11 Jul 2023**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 1** ..... National Trust Member\* YES / NO

**Applicant 2** ..... National Trust Member\* YES / NO

**Applicant 3** ..... National Trust Member\* YES / NO

**Applicant 4** ..... National Trust Member\* YES / NO

\*The Ticket Price is £27 per person for National Trust Members.  
The Ticket Price for non-National Trust Members is £56 per person.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £ .....**

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3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application
4. National Trust Membership cards must be brought with you on the day or the full entry fee may be applied at the entrance to Sissinghurst.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**OUTING 23D**

**RHS HYDE HALL FLOWER SHOW**

**Wed 2 Aug 2023**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** .....

**Applicant 3** .....

**Applicant 4** .....

LHS Ticket Price is £25

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £ .....**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**OUTING 23E**

**PRENPLANTS SUSSEX LTD**

**Thu 24 Aug 2023**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** .....

**Applicant 3** .....

**Applicant 4** .....

LHS Ticket Price is £6 per person.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £ .....**

**NOTES:**

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2. Non-member bookings commence 1<sup>st</sup> April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application

**YOUR COMMENTS:**

Refreshments - Are you G/F or other?

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**OUTING 22F**

**OAKLANDS FARM GARDEN  
and DURRANCE MANOR**

**Tue 12 Sep 2023**

**Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):** .....

Address: .....

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email Address: .....

**Applicant 2** .....

**Applicant 3** .....

**Applicant 4** .....

**Lunch Options:**

Picnics are welcome at Oaklands Farm (tables and chairs will be available for our use).

As at February 2023, the local pubs cannot confirm which days of the week they will be open and serving lunches in September, but please note your interest below so that we can determine the potential numbers.

**Applicant 1 :** I would / I would not be interested in having lunch at a local pub\*

**Applicant 2 :** I would / I would not be interested in having lunch at a local pub\*

**Applicant 3 :** I would / I would not be interested in having lunch at a local pub\*

**Applicant 4 :** I would / I would not be interested in having lunch at a local pub\*

**Q:** Want to come for the morning but not the afternoon (or vice versa)?

**A:** No problem. Just contact the Outings Organiser to agree before you apply and the ticket price will be adjusted accordingly.

LHS Ticket Price is £20 per person.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £ .....**

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## LHS STANDARD OUTINGS APPLICATION PROCEDURES 2023

1. Application forms together with separate cheques for each outing (payable to LHS) should be submitted to the Outings Organiser. Cheques will be held on file until 2 to 3 weeks before the date of the outing when they will be banked with prior notice to the payee, unless advised otherwise.
2. Where numbers are limited, applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.
3. Bookings are open to LHS members only up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (unless Clause 5 applies).
4. Applications for any spare tickets for non-members of LHS will be considered from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. If successful, a further payment will be required. You may register your interest in obtaining spare tickets on your application form.
5. Single or sole LHS members are permitted to apply with their initial application for one additional ticket for an accompanying guest who is not a member.
6. Bookings cancellations should be made at the earliest opportunity to allow your tickets to be resold. Cancellations made up to 4 weeks before the outing will incur no penalty cost. However, after that time, refunds can only be made if we are able to resell your ticket. Any reasonable request made for a refund due to exceptional circumstances will be considered.
7. The ticket price includes for the cost of admission fees and coach travel where applicable, inclusive of the driver's tip.
8. Full details of the arrangements for the day, including departure and approximate return times, will be provided to you no later than 2 weeks prior to the outing. If you do not receive a notification by email or phone by then, you should contact the Outings Organiser without delay.  
The coach pick-up point is the bus stop by the United Reform Church, Lindfield High Street, unless advised otherwise.
9. If you have purchased a ticket(s) based on your membership of the National Trust, RHS, HHA, Kew, Wakehurst, or any other organisation, you must have your valid membership card with you on the day. If not, you may be liable to pay the full entrance fee.

### LHS Covid-19 Procedures:

10. ALL participants must observe any HM GOV's stipulations in respect of Covid precautions in accordance with the rules which may be in force on the day of the outing.
11. Every reasonable precaution will be taken by LHS to protect all participants in respect of Covid as far as practicable. By taking part in any outing, participants accept that they are doing so at their own risk.
12. All participants will be required to register with the Outings Organiser on the day of the outing.
13. Any participant who tests positive for Covid within 10 days of taking part on any outing must notify the LHS Outings Organiser or LHS Secretary without delay so that the other participants may be advised.

Christine Cawley (LHS Secretary)  
Tel: 01444 487407 / [secretary@lindfieldhorts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lindfieldhorts.org.uk)

If you have any queries, please contact:

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