

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Rev 2	Outings 25A & 25B deleted & 25G (Waddesdon) added	29/4/25

This is a combined visit to two quite different venues in the Reigate area. In the morning we will visit Gatton Park for a private group tour, giving us private access to 250 acres of Capability Brown parkland as well as the Edwardian gardens, featuring a Japanese garden and rock garden. We will be given a one-hour tour of the gardens with one of the guides, or you can choose to simply free flow around the gardens on your own if you prefer. The ticket price includes tea, coffee and 'Chalk Hills' cake in the magnificent Gatton Hall.



For the afternoon leg of our trip, we will be going underground into Wealden Caves in central Reigate, where our guide will show us around 2 cave systems:

- a. A lit system with WWII artefacts and a Roman tile kiln. (This cave system is reasonably accessible, although there are a few shallow steps), and
- b. 'Baron's Cave', once the former wine cellar to Reigate Castle. Here, there are 3 flights of stairs with handrails. This system is unlit and it is compulsory to bring a torch with you.

The ticket price includes for both caves, but you can opt to visit just one if you prefer.



Accessibility:

A buggy is available at Gatton Park.
Stairs at 'Baron's Cave'.

Refreshments:

Coffee, tea and cake at Gatton Park are included in the ticket price.

TICKET PRICE:

Combined Price: £18 (or £15 if you cannot manage the stairs in Baron's Cave).

OUTING 25D
SELF-DRIVE

SEAFORD GARDENS
'CUPANI' & 'DRIFTWOOD'

Thu 26 Jun

A combined visit to two lovely gardens in Seaford, with an optional lunch.

'CUPANI' A favourite garden in the NGS booklet. At Cupani you will find a tranquil haven with a delightful mix of trees, shrubs and perennial borders, featuring courtyard planting, a gazebo, a summerhouse, water features and sweet pea obelisks. The garden contains a huge range of plants.



'DRIFTWOOD' A highly acclaimed and characterful garden, full of interesting and novel features. Once a boring strip of steeply sloping land, it has been cleverly transformed into a wonderful landscape of easy to negotiate terraces, each one full of a range of different plants and quirky artefacts by the owner, Geof Stonebanks (who you may remember from a LHS evening talk in 2024). Geoff advertises garden openings for NGS on Radio Sussex and he's also a dab hand at cake baking, so refreshments here will be really nice.



An (optional) lunch will be provided by the lovely Aideen at Cupani and the menu looks very nice! To manage numbers, we may split the group between the two gardens, swapping over midway and in this case, there will be either an early lunch sitting at Cupani followed by late afternoon tea & cake at Driftwood, or morning coffee & cake at Driftwood with a later lunch sitting at Cupani.

Accessibility: 'Cupani' is a level garden. 'Driftwood' is terraced, but manageable for the able bodied.

Refreshments: Coffee/tea and cake are included in the ticket price at both 'Driftwood' and 'Cupani'. Lunch at 'Cupani' is a lovely optional extra (see application form for full details).

TICKET PRICES:

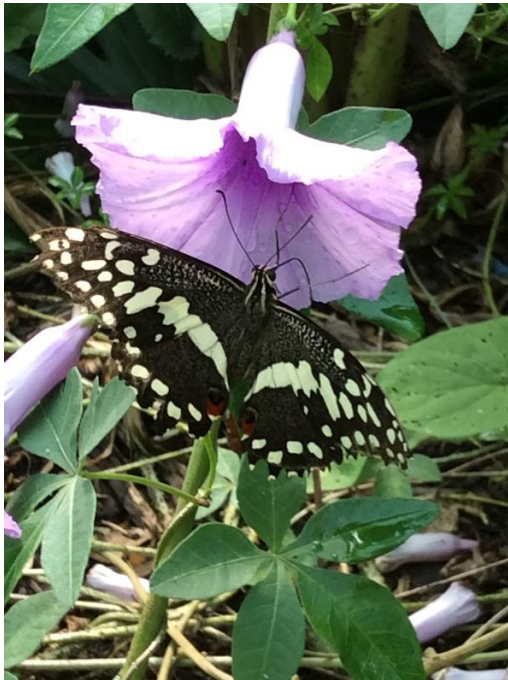
'CUPANI' - £12 for garden entry with tea/coffee & cake, or
£18/£22 for garden entry to include a 1-course/2-course lunch (GF and DF options).
'DRIFTWOOD' - £14 which includes a talk, plus morning or afternoon refreshments.

OUTING 25E
SELF-DRIVE

MIDDLETON COMMON FARM BUTTERFLY GARDENS
& PITFIELD BARN FLOWER FARM

Mon 14 July

MIDDLETON COMMON FARM, DITCHLING



Immerse yourself in a lush paradise, among the amazing tropical butterflies flying freely, where many varieties of these colourful creatures live, breed and lay their eggs very happily in the carefully created environment.

It is tropically warm within the flight area as you would expect, but there is no limit to the number of times you can go in and out if you wish to step out for a breather.

The plentiful butterflies are very friendly and will happily sit on your lap, or on your head... great for a selfie, so bring your camera!

PITFIELD BARN CUT FLOWER FARM & STUDIO, HURSTPIERPOINT

We will drive to Hurstpierpoint for the afternoon, where owner Emma will tell us all about her work, sowing, growing and harvesting the most gorgeous seasonal flowers for all occasions. We will take a leisurely walk around the flower field to see for ourselves what Emma is currently growing.

The visit will conclude with refreshments in the studio barn, where Emma creates her lovely arrangements and displays of fresh and dried flowers.



Accessibility at Middleton Farm and Pitfield Barn: Very good.

Refreshments:

Middleton Farm – Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the large marquee, or there is a Tea Room where snacks and beverages can be purchased.

Pitfield Barn - Coffee/tea and cake are included in the ticket price.

TICKET PRICE: £20 per person

OUTING 25F
COACH OUTING

POLESDEN LACEY NT

Fri 15 Aug

Polesden Lacey is a 1,600-acre estate with elegant gardens, Edwardian house and plenty of room to walk through the gardens and enjoy the far-reaching views. For those who want to stretch their legs a little further, there are gorgeous walks along ancient woodland trails to explore.



In the first half of the 20th Century, the house was the weekend retreat of the super-rich socialite Dame Margaret Greville. The house and Margaret's money came to her through her father's McKewan's very successful brewing business. Margaret married Captain Ronald Greville, heir to a baronetcy and a member of the 'Marlborough House set', the social circle around the then future King Edward VII. In 1923 the Duke and Duchess of York, ie Prince Albert (later King George VI) and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) spent their honeymoon at Polesden Lacey.



The Edwardian gardens are a true delight all year round, with well stocked double herbaceous borders, a cut-flower garden and vegetable plot.

Accessibility: The gardens and estate offer step-free level access into and through some areas. Other points of interest are accessed via ramps/slopes or steps. The accessible entrance into the house has a ramp/slope and there is step-free access once inside. The majority of the viewing rooms are all located on the Ground Floor of the house. There is a disabled toilet to the right of the Granary Café.

Refreshments: There are plenty of lovely spots to picnic, with benches in Crab Apple Orchard and Home Farm Orchard. You can buy tasty snacks, meals, cakes and cream teas to eat indoors or outdoors at The Café, within Stable Courtyard.



Within the house, you will find something to marvel at in every room, from the sumptuous décor to wonderful collections of furniture, porcelain, silver and art. It is easy to imagine the weekend parties that would have been held there.

TICKET PRICE: £21.50 National Trust Members / £36.50 Non-NT Members

OUTING 25G
COACH OUTING

CHRISTMAS AT WADDES DON MANOR
AYLESBURY, BUCKS

Wed 3 Dec

In response to the interest shown by many of you at our February 'Showcase Coffee Morning' in a Christmas coach trip to Waddesdon Manor, we have booked the trip for Wednesday 3 December.



Waddesdon Manor is a magnificent French Renaissance-style chateau which Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild had built as his country house in which to entertain friends and guests and show off his world-class art collection and amazing treasures. A visit to Waddesdon Manor is special at any time of year, but especially so when the house is beautifully dressed for Christmas. The theme inside the Manor is that we join Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and his beloved dog, Poupon on a festive trans-European tour, exploring the unique traditions that light up each country's winter season. Every stop on their journey will highlight a different city, blending local heritage, seasonal customs and links to Waddesdon's famous collection.

The Christmas Fair, full of festive foods and goodies, will be running all day on the Manor Terrace.



From dusk, we will see the Manor's façade transformed into a living, moving tapestry of colour and the Manor and Gardens will be illuminated with an innovative immersive light show. It really does promise to be a complete day's entertainment.



We aim to arrive at Waddesdon in time for a spot of lunch and will have time to see everything on offer, including the evening illuminations. This will mean a later than normal homeward departure, although this will have the advantage of missing the rush hour traffic on the motorways. We should arrive home with a Christmassy afterglow in plenty of time for a hot chocolate to round off the day.

Refreshments:

No refreshments have been booked, but food-to-go will be available from several places, including the Christmas Fair on the Manor Terrace, the Stables Café and the Coffee Bar.

Accessibility:

Generally, very good.

- There are ramps at the main entry to the house, step free access on the ground floor and access between floors is by lift.
- Outside, a shuttle bus will run up the steep path to the Stables Café for those who need it.
- The Light Trail is almost all on flat, tarmac paths.
- Wheelchairs are available at Waddesdon on a first come first served basis.

Itinerary:

- A mid-morning start is planned, to arrive around midday. The coach will also have an onboard toilet and we will also make a short comfort stop on the way if wanted.
- Our entry into the Manor House has been pre-booked for between 14:50 & 15:00, but with no set duration, so you may stay in the house to admire everything at your own pace.
- The house illuminations and light trail will be from dusk, around 16:00.

TICKET PRICE:

£48.50 for National Trust Members / **£68.50** for non-NT Members

APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 25C
SELF-DRIVE

GATTON PARK & WEALDEN CAVES
REIGATE

Thu 29 May 2025

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 **Applicant 3**

APPLICANT	GATTON PARK & 2 CAVES (tick) TICKET PRICE £18	GATTON PARK & 1 CAVE (tick) TICKET PRICE £15
TOTAL COST OF TICKETS		

*Delete as appropriate

- ***I attach my cheque for £ made payable to Lindfield Horticultural Society**

OR

- ***I have transferred the sum of £ to the Lindfield Horticultural Society Bank, Account Number 00725927, Sort Code 20-49-76, using 25C followed by my surname (e.g. 25C Gardener) as the reference**

- **I can offer a lift for people**
- **I would like a lift for people**

N.B.

1. LHS Members' priority booking ends on 31 March
2. Non-member bookings commence 01 April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application

YOUR COMMENTS:

*Please return your completed form & cheque to:
Heather Hitchcock, 81 William Allen Lane, RH16 2ST.
T: 07971 857182
E: outings.lhs@gmail.com*

APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 25D

SEAFORD GARDENS

Thu 26 Jun 2025

SELF-DRIVE

'CUPANI' AND 'DRIFTWOOD'

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 **Applicant 3**

DRIFTWOOD

PRICE £14 PER PERSON -

Garden Entry and Talk, with either Morning Coffee/Tea & Cake on arrival, or late afternoon tea and cake.

CUPANI

PRICE £18 PER PERSON - Garden Entry & a 1-course lunch

PRICE £22 PER PERSON - Garden Entry & a 2-course lunch

Lunch options:

- Ref 1** Goats cheese & red pepper tart } 1, 2, and 3 are served with warm new
- Ref 2** Smoked Mackerel & Horseradish (optional) } potatoes; mixed green salad; homemade
- Ref 3** Falafel, hummus & tzatziki) seeded bread, butter and a cold drink.

Dessert options:

- Ref A** Strawberry cake with Strawberries & Cream }
- Ref B** Lavender Shortbread, Raspberries & Cream } All served with tea or coffee
- Ref C** Slice of Cake & Fruit)

Applicant 1 - Lunch choice 1 / 2 / 3 Dessert choice A / B / C

Applicant 2 - Lunch choice 1 / 2 / 3 Dessert choice A / B / C

Applicant 3 - Lunch choice 1 / 2 / 3 Dessert choice A / B / C

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APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 25E
SELF-DRIVE

MIDDLETON COMMON FARM
& PITFIELD BARN GARDEN

Mon 14 July 2025

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 **Applicant 3**

TICKET PRICE £20 PER PERSON

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APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 25F
COACH OUTING

POLESDEN LACEY NT

Fri 15 Aug 2025

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Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 **Applicant 3**

APPLICANT	NATIONAL TRUST MEMBER TICKET PRICE £21.50	NON-NATIONAL TRUST MEMBER TICKET PRICE £36.50
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APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 25G
COACH OUTING

CHRISTMAS AT WADDESDON

Wed 3 Dec 2025

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Applicant 2 **Applicant 3**

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Booking for members, non-member family and friends opens Thursday 01 May 2025

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LHS STANDARD OUTINGS APPLICATION PROCEDURES 2025

1. Payment for outings can be made with cheque or a bank transfer at the time of applying.
Paying By Cheque: A separate cheque is required for each outing, made payable to Lindfield Horticultural Society, which should be submitted to the Outings Organiser together with your application form. Cheques will be held on file until 2 to 3 weeks before the date of the outing when they will be banked, giving you prior notice of this, unless advised otherwise.
Paying By Bank Transfer: The appropriate sum for each individual outing should be transferred to the Lindfield Horticultural Society's Bank Account, Number 00725927, Sort Code 20-49-76. The nomenclature for Your Reference (which must be stated) is the outing reference number followed by your surname (e.g. 25B Gardener / 25C Gardener etc).
2. Where numbers are limited, applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis unless stated otherwise.
3. Unless Clause 5 applies, bookings are open to LHS members only up until 31st March 2025, or unless stated otherwise on the application form.
4. Applications for any spare tickets for non-members of LHS will be considered from 1st April 2025, unless stated otherwise on the application form. If successful, a further payment will be required. You may register your interest in obtaining any 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 layby near Paul's Greengrocer and 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.

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