

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION
BLACKMOOR NURSERY and GILBERT WHITE'S MUSEUM

Thursday 1 May 2008

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

The **BLACKMOOR NURSERY** was started about 1920 by Lord Wolmer on the Blackmoor estate. He had to do his own grafting as suitable trees to the East Malling specifications were not available. It is now 250 acres and grows and sells fruit to the multiple outlets on the high streets, its own farm shop and plant centre. They grow their own stocks, graft (bud) and supply bare-rooted trees of all descriptions to the industry and on-line customers - apples, pears, plums and soft fruits. Most of these can also be obtained from the plant centre as well.

We will be taken around the orchard and possibly the nursery, time permitting, by minibus or tractor by the current director of the orchard and nursery, Peter Barwick, and shown how they carry out these operations. It will be blossom time so should be pretty as well as informative.

www.blackmoor.co.uk GU33 6BS

After lunch in Selborne we will visit the **GILBERT WHITE'S HOUSE and OATES MUSEUM**. The Rev. Gilbert White (1720 – 1793) made extensive scientific records of his experiments with and observations of Natural History. He lived in the house and the 20 acres of garden and parkland have been largely restored to how it was in his time. He is known for his books - Natural History of Selborne (the original manuscript is on display) and The Gardener's Kalendar.

The Oates Museum exhibits focus on the lives and adventures of Captain Lawrence Oates and his uncle Frank. The Lawrence Oates gallery explains the life and tragic death of the soldier and explorer. He was on Captain Scott's 1911 Terra Nova expedition. Frank explored Central America, Africa and parts of the Indian Subcontinent.

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MEET in the Farm Shop, parking behind Blackmoor Church. The café will serve us with tea/coffee on arrival, light refreshments extra. There is one toilet for customers. There are toilets, coffee and food in Tesco on the A325 at the traffic lights in Bordon and petrol nearby.

DIRECTIONS From London take the M3 to J4, turn south on A331 to the A31. West for 4 miles to A325 near Farnham, south towards Petersfield. (Follow signs for Bird World, which we pass) South 8 – 9 miles, pass Tesco and turn right at the second roundabout for Blackmoor and Selborne. Do not miss the left turn in 100 yards. After 1 mile turn right for Selborne and immediately right again into the Victorian village of Blackmoor. Park behind the Church in front of the shop/plant centre. (38 miles from M3/J1)
Alternatively, take A3 via Guildford and Hindhead to A325 (north) at Longmoor.
Sometimes conditions are slow at Hindhead and Bordon.

RAIL Station at Liss (3.5 miles), Portsmouth train from Waterloo, hourly at 45 minutes taking 1hr 20 mins; front 4 coaches only. For a taxi to be at the station phone 01730 892051 (Liss Cars) or 01730 894658 (Forest Cars).

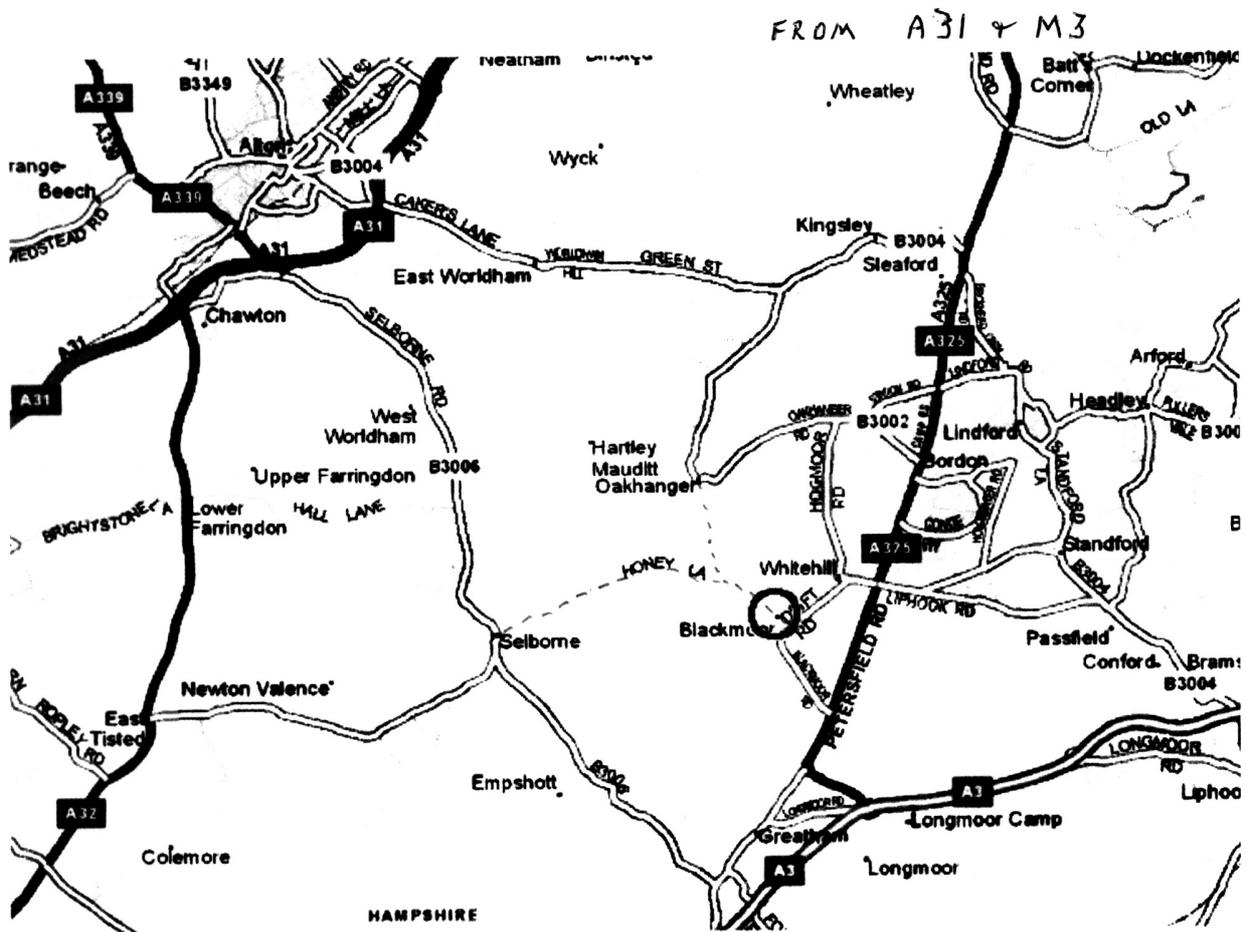
LUNCH will be taken in Selborne, which is a 2½ miles drive along Honey Lane. Turn right when you get to the village. Park in the public car park behind the Selborne Arms (GU34 3JR). Tables have been reserved in

the Selborne Arms; real ale and wines, bar food £5 - £8, restaurant meals £10 upwards. They stop serving at 14.00 so we must not be late.

If there is time afterwards Selborne Church is worth a visit, rebuilt in 1180 of the local Upper Greensand, a hard compact siliceous sandstone with calcareous cement.

10.00 – 10.30	Assemble at the nursery, refreshments and toilet
10.30 – 13.00	Talk and tour of nursery
13.00 – 13.15	Drive to Selborne for lunch
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 17.00	Short introductory talk. Free to explore the museum & garden, have tea and see the village.

Please wear stout, comfortable, shoes as there will be a lot of walking.



COSTS FOR 40 PEOPLE MAXIMUM AND 15 PEOPLE MINIMUM

£13 per person, payable in advance

Lunch and tea at cost.

CONTACTS

Prior to visit – Reinalt Vaughan Williams, reinalt@physics.org, 020 – 8946 3399 and 07758 085741

On morning of visit only – George Freeman 07941 916 944

Late joiners – park and phone me.

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CONTACTS and COSTS

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Gilbert White's House, The Wakes, High Street, Selborne, Alton, GU34 3JH
Stephanie Dale, Group Bookings
01420 511 275
info@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk

The Selborne Arms
Nick and Hayley Carter,
01420 511 247

COSTS

Blackmoor
£6.50 each
Minimum 12, max 40
Peter Barwick can help us with transport to Selborne if required.

Gilbert White's House
£5
Minimum 10