

## Institute of Physics – L & S E Branch – Retired Members Section

### Firle Place and Lewes

on Tuesday 22 July 2014

This meeting has been organized by George Freeman and Jill Haigh



Sir John Gage built a Tudor house at **Firle Place** in 1473 on the site of an earlier house. The current 18<sup>th</sup> century house is built around the Tudor house with Caen Stone, probably from the Priory of St Pancras in Lewes which was given to Sir John Gage by Henry VIII. The house looks much as it did then. It suffered some damage during the war when Canadian troops used it.

The Gages are descendants from a family who came in 1066 and have held important posts in government since, advising and helping the monarchy. Sir Thomas Gage (1781-1820) introduced the greengage to Britain. BN8 6LP 4 miles East of Lewes

**Lewes** is the County Town of East Sussex. William de Warenne set up his stronghold here in 1066 and was buried here with his wife in the Priory. The Priory rivalled that at Chichester but was mostly demolished by Henry VIII. The castle is rare in having two mottes. Anne of Cleves House is a fine example of a timber framed Wealden house. One brewery survives – Harveys – and we hope to sample the beer lunchtime. Our guide will be Mary Burke.

10:30 – 11:00 Car drivers assemble in café at Firle Place  
Meet at Lewes Station, mini bus to Firle Place

11:00 – 13:30 Tour of Firle

13:30 – 15:00 Travel to Lewes and lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Guided tour of Lewes

**Travel.** Car travellers park at Firle and wait for minibus. On driving to Lewes for lunch, park in a medium or long stay park.

**Train** travellers can catch the 09:36 from Victoria (Clapham Junction 09:41) on the Brighton train (arrive 10.43, 5 minutes to change platforms) and arrive in Lewes at 10:52. Minibus to Firle Place.

**Assemble** in the café at Firle (coffee and biscuits paid for). Meet guide.

**Lunch** will be taken in a local pub, possibly the Dorset, a Harvey's pub. BN7 2RD. We may have to pre-order. Details nearer the time.

**Cost** £27 each + lunch for a minimum 15 and maximum 30

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