

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

Chartwell – Churchill's family home on Thursday 14 July 2016

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough.

We visit Chartwell, home of the Churchill family in Kent. We shall see the house, some history and the statesman's paintings. And, weather permitting, we shall lay on a beginner's tutorial on croquet.

Description: Chartwell House is the family home of Winston Churchill where he and his wife 'Clemmy' brought up their young family. Visitors can make their way through the various rooms, including the library, study, sitting room and dining room, all displayed as if the family had only just left. The museum rooms, filled with gifts that Churchill received and the original collection that he and the family kept at Chartwell, can also be explored. As visitors make their way around the house they can develop a sense of the home and the family man behind the statesman. In the afternoon they can stop by the studio in the orchard next to the kitchen garden and see the largest collection anywhere of Churchill's paintings hanging from the walls. Please note that our entry slot for the house is from 11:00 to 11:15. Later



than that you are not assured of admission.

Croquet: If the weather is fine there will be a short Croquet Tutorial in the afternoon. Tony Colclough will outline the Hurlingham rules for those who have led too sheltered a life to have learnt them and explain the Newtonian principles needed to optimise your Roquet and Croquet shots. If more than eight are interested, we may split into two groups, one after the other.

Jock: The Churchill family requested that there should always be a marmalade cat called Jock at Chartwell. The present incumbent of the post is Jock VI (shown). We may not be lucky enough to see him, but he will probably see us.



Where and when to meet: Gather at the Landemare Café for refreshments from 10:30 for an 11:00 start. (The Café was named after Georgina Landemare who was the Chartwell cook for over 20 years.)

Getting there: By Car: Drive to Chartwell House, Mapleton Road, Westerham, Kent, TN16 1PS, **By Train:** Edenbridge (4 miles) and Oxted (6 miles) stations are accessible from London Victoria and London Bridge.

Sevenoaks station (6 miles) has a regular fast train service from London Charing Cross, Waterloo East and London Bridge. Oxted and Sevenoaks have taxi ranks outside to get to Chartwell. You can find out more on the [National Rail](#) website.

Lunch: Back to the Landemare Café which sells hot and cold meals from 12:00 to 14:30

Timetable (approximate times):

10:30 - 11:00	Assemble at the Landemare Café for refreshments;
11:00 - 13:00	Tour Chartwell House entering in our allotted time slot of 11:00 to 11:15
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch at the Landemare Café
14:30 - 16:00	Croquet tutorial (if fine), visit the studio or tour the grounds
16:00	Refreshments at the Landemare Café, Depart.

Size of party: Group rates apply for 15+ members in a party.

Cost £16.00. Members pay for their own food and travel. NT members may ask the organiser for a discount.

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