

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

## A Visit to Arundel Castle On Thursday 30 August 2018

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough

We visit Arundel Castle and its gardens . There are nearly 1,000 years of history at this great castle, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex and built at the end of the 11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel.

**History:** The oldest feature is the motte, an artificial mound, over 100 feet high from the dry moat, and constructed in 1068 to be followed by the gatehouse in 1070. Under his will, King Henry I (1068-1135) settled the Castle and lands in dower on his second wife, Adeliza of Louvain.

Apart from occasional reversion to the Crown, Arundel Castle has descended directly from 1138 to the present day, carried by female heiresses from the d'Albinis to the Fitzalans in the 13th century and then from the Fitzalans to the Howards in the 16th century and it has been the seat of the Dukes of Norfolk and their ancestors for over 850 years. From the 15th to the 17th centuries the Howards were at the forefront of English history, from the Wars of the Roses, through the Tudor period to the Civil War. Among the famous members of the Howard family are the 2nd Duke of Norfolk (1443-1524), the victor of Flodden, Lord Howard of Effingham, who with Sir Francis Drake repelled the Armada in 1588, the Earl of Surrey, the Tudor poet and courtier, and the 3rd Duke of Norfolk (1473-1554), uncle of Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard, both of whom became wives of King Henry VIII (1491-1547).



These were politically dangerous times: the 'Poet' Earl was executed in 1547; his father, the 3rd Duke of Norfolk only escaped the death penalty because King Henry VIII died the night before the execution was due and the 4th Duke (1536-72) was beheaded for plotting to marry Mary Queen of Scots. There have been two cardinals and a saint in the Howard family; St Philip Howard, 13th Earl of Arundel (1557-95) died in the Tower of London for his faith. By contrast, his son, the 'Collector' 14th Earl (1585-1646), as his nickname suggests, was responsible for many of the treasures which can be seen today. The results of all this history are concentrated at the Castle, which houses a fascinating collection of fine furniture dating from the 16th century, tapestries, clocks, and portraits by Van



Dyck, Gainsborough, Mytens, Lawrence, Reynolds, Canaletto and others. Personal possessions of Mary, Queen of Scots and a selection of historical, religious and heraldic items from the Duke of Norfolk's collection are also on display. During the Civil War (1642-45), the Castle was badly damaged when it was twice besieged, first by Royalists who took control, then by Cromwell's Parliamentary force led by William Waller.

**Where and when to meet:** We assemble in the Castle Coffee Shop from 11:00 for an 11:30 start.

**Getting there By Car** The address is :Arundel Castle, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9AB. But you are advised to set your SatNav for BN18 9PA and to park in the pay-and-display Mill Road Car Park just opposite the Castle gate. From London it takes roughly 1 ½ hr via the A3 & A283 or the A24 and A27.**By Train** Trains to Bognor Regis from Clapham Junction stop at Arundel. It is about 20 min walk to the Castle from the Station.

**Lunch:** We can eat at the Restaurant and Coffee Shop in the Castle or at the nearby White Swan/Red Lion in Arundel itself.

**Timetable** (approximate times)

11:00	Assemble in the Castle Coffee shop
11:30	Tour the Castle and/or gardens
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00	Tour Castle and/or gardens
16:00	Refreshments in Coffee shop and depart.

**Size of party:** 20 max

**Cost:** £20.00 ea. covering a Gold ticket for Castle entry giving access to the main castle rooms, the Castle keep, the Fitzalan Chapel, the Collector Earl's Garden and the gardens and Grounds.

**Contacts:** Organiser, Tony Colclough, can be contacted by mobile on the day (07930 171307) and, beforehand, on [tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk) . Late arrivals Just go to the Museum Reception and explain that you are part of the IOP party. We should be easy to find.

**PAYMENT** You can pay either by cheque or by bank transfer. It is possible to pay for several places on one transaction.

**Cheque:** make your cheque payable to The Institute of Physics (not IOP) and send them to:

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