

BRADBOURNE HOUSE and EAST MALLING RESEARCH

THURSDAY 29 April 2010

This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

East Malling Research (EMR) is an independent provider of research, development and consultancy for the food and other land based industries. It started in 1913 on the East Malling site helping local fruit growers. It has had many different names, most famously, the East Malling Research Station. It was merged with several different horticultural research stations around the country in 1987 before becoming independent again in 2004. We know it for its breeding of many different fruit plants and rootstocks. Today it has widened its remit to cover many other crops. It works in the fields of agronomy, fruit breeding, post-harvest storage and the biology and control of pests and diseases. The website shows 126 introductions of fruit trees, etc since 1913.

www.eastmallingresearch.com

www.bradbournehouse.org.uk



Bradbourne House was originally Tudor but was extended and altered in the early 18th century which we see today. It was the family home of Twisden family for 400 years. In 1938 East Malling Trust for Horticultural Research (EMTHR) bought it and the surrounding park and farm land. The first floor is now offices of EMTHR but the ground floor rooms are in their original state with the Twisden paintings.

We will **meet** at Bradbourne House where the CEO, of EMTHR, Mr Adrian Padfield, will welcome us and introduce the work of EM Trust. After a talk about the house and a tour of the reception rooms, we will go in convoy to the EM Conference Centre for a buffet lunch, a talk on the work of EMR and a tour of the growing fields. Our guide will be Penny Greeves.

East Malling Trust for Horticultural Research (EMTHR). Based at Bradbourne House, the Trust dates back to the 1920s when friends of the East Malling Research Station established an Endowment Fund which later became EMTHR. The East Malling Estate was purchased in 1938 and is owned by the EMTHR. Land and buildings occupied by East Malling Research are owned by the Trust and leased to East Malling Research.

10.30 – 11.00	Assemble at Bradbourne House; refreshments & toilets
11.00	Introduction to EMR and Bradbourne; tour of house
12.30	Drive to EMR Conference Centre for a buffet lunch
14.00	Talk on the work of EMR and tour
15.30 – 16.00	Depart (timing depends on progress)

CONTACTS

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COSTS

£11.50, includes donation to the trust. Two booklets about the house at £5 each will be available.



By road Leave the M20 at junction 4 (A228). Follow the signs to West Malling/Tonbridge. After about 1 mile, leave the A228, at the junction signposted Larkfield, East Malling, Ditton. That will take you to the junction with the A20. Turn right towards East Malling. After about 1 mile, turn right into New Road, opposite the Larkfield hotel. The entrance to Bradbourne House is about 200 yards on the left.

By Rail From London Victoria, the nearest rail station is East Malling. From there, Bradbourne House is about a 1 mile walk. Proceed north, down the hill through East Malling village. Continue along New Road. The entrance to Bradbourne House is on the right, opposite Larkspur Road.

There is a taxi service at West Malling station. Two trains an hour from Victoria, at 07 and 37 past the hour (as in January so please check times), take about 50 minutes, both stop at West Malling but only one at East Malling. There are other trains from London Bridge.