

VISIT TO LOSELEY HOUSE AND PARK

Thursday 9th June 2011

This meeting has been organised by Tony Balchin



Loseley House is a fine example of Tudor architecture purchased in 1508 by Sir Christopher More. It has been in the possession of the More-Molyneux family for over 500 years and is still home to three generations of the family. It is situated about 2½ miles from Guildford not far from the junction of the A3 with the B3000 at Compton .



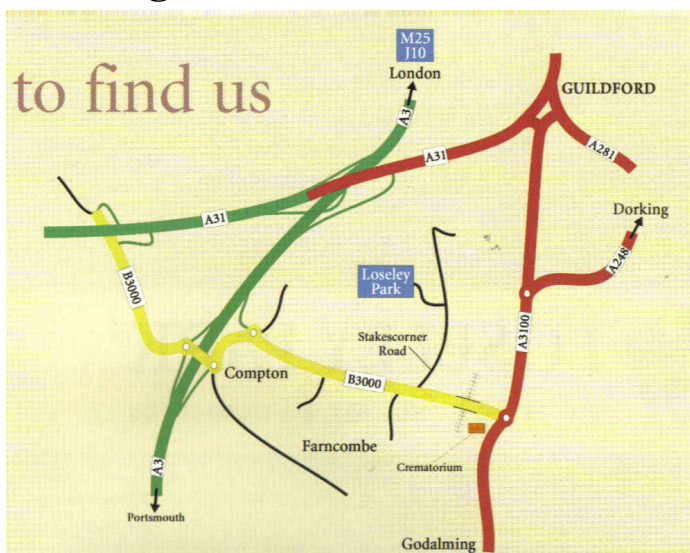
The house has survived many Royal Courts, the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution and two World Wars. It contains many artefacts collected over these years, including works of art, furniture dating from the 17th century onwards, panelling retrieved from Nonsuch House when this was demolished, and a splendid carved chalk fireplace.



The estate comprises 1400 acres of gardens and cultivation - an avenue of chestnuts leads to the lake, the walled garden comprises an outstanding collection of roses, a “white” garden, a herb garden and a remarkable organic vegetable garden. The flower garden is approached through the vine walk or from the moat walk. Refreshments and meals may be obtained in the Courtyard Tea Room; Loseley ice cream is famous for its quality and may be found with other quality items in the Loseley shop. A small chapel is open on public open days for meditation and private prayer.

Where and when to meet: 11.00: we will be met by a ‘Meeter/Greeter’ on arrival at the car park, who will direct us to the Tithe barn for morning coffee.

Getting there



Members travelling by car should leave the M25 at Junction 10 to join the A3, At the Compton slip road leave the A3 and at the first roundabout take the first exit on to the B3000 towards Compton and Farncombe. In about 2 miles turn left on to a narrow road (sign-posted to Loseley Park) and the second turning on the left brings you to Loseley House. The sat nav reference is : Stakescorner Road GU3 1HS. Note that there is no access to Loseley via Sandy Lane nor via Polstead Lane.

Travel by public transport is by rail from Waterloo to Guildford main station. It is advisable to travel from Guildford to Loseley by taxi from the station. Buses do run from Guildford to Loseley, but there is a walk of 1 mile between the bus-stop and the house.

Morning coffee will be available on arrival, and lunch in the Courtyard Tea Room may be ordered on booking. Cream teas may also be ordered, if desired. (See menus attached). There are also picnic areas in the grounds.

The caterers require to know your choices before the visit.

On the booking form, please indicate whether you want Menu 1, 2, 3.

If Menu 1, then choice 1A,1B,1C or 1D, and pudding 1P or 1Q, if desired

If Menu 3, then choice 3A,3B,3C or 3D.

Also, indicate whether you want Afternoon tea, in which case indicate TA or TB.

Lunch arrangements: served at 13:15

Menu 1: @ £9-00 per person: choices A to D all served with potato and chive salad, Chef's selection of salads, freshly baked roll & butter, tea or coffee,

- Choice 1A : Ham Ploughman's,
- Choice 1B : Cheese Ploughman's,
- Choice 1C : Tomato and basil Quiche (vegetarian),
- Choice 1D : Poached Delice of Salmon.

Puddings (additional cost £4-00):

- Choice 1P : Summer pudding served with flocked cream :
- Choice 1Q : Chocolate tart served with flocked cream.

Menu 2 : not available

Menu 3: @ £9-00 per person :

A packed lunch of freshly made sandwiches.

Please select one choice per person from below:

- Choice 3A : Home baked ham
- Choice 3B : Cheddar cheese and pickle
- Choice 3C : Tuna, Cucumber and mayonnaise
- Choice 3D : Free range egg and cress.

Your packed lunch will also include : ready salted crisps, Lemon Drizzle cake, Coffee/Tea or coffee token to be used in the Mulberry Tea Lawn or Tea Rooms. They may be eaten in the picnic area by the car park, the picnic area by the lake or in an area designated by the caterers. Picnics are not permitted within the walled garden.

Afternoon tea: served at 4:00 p.m.

- Choice TA: Cream Tea @ £4-20 per person:
Pot of tea or coffee, homemade scone, clotted cream, jam and butter.
- Choice TB: Full afternoon tea @ £8-50 per person
Pot of tea or coffee, finger sandwiches, homemade scone, clotted cream, jam and butter, Loseley bakery cakes.

Maximum and minimum size of party: max 30, min 10

Cost:

As there many possibilities, the please work out the cost as follows, entering the appropriate costs in the yellow boxes.

Morning tea + tour +	REMS admin fee	£10.00
Lunch	Menu 1 - £9-00; Menu 1 pudding – additional £4-00; Menu 2: £8-50; Menu 3 - £9-00 →	
Afternoon tea	Cream Tea - £4-20; Full afternoon tea - £8-50 →	
TOTAL COST: →		

Timetable

Time	Details
11:00	Assembly point – Tithe Barn for morning coffee. We will be directed there by a Meeter/Greeter, from the car park.
After coffee – 13:15	Visit the gardens at leisure
13:15 – 14.20	Lunch
14:20 – 15:25	Guided tours of the House, 1 or 2 groups depending on numbers
15:25 – 16:00	Ground, down to lake, or round to moat
16:00 – 16:30	Cream Tea
16:30	End of visit

Contacts (before the day)

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Late arrivals on the day – who to contact

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