

PAINSHILL PARK, COBHAM, SURREY

Thursday 14 April 2011

This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

PAINSHILL PARK is a large Georgian landscape park laid out between 1738 and 1773 by the Hon. Charles Hamilton. To appreciate the park and its vistas the visitors follow a defined path so one vista follows after another. We will see the fabulous grotto, Gothic Temple, Turkish Tent and the water wheel which lifts water from the Mole up the hill to the lake. The park has been restored from 1980 onwards and the grotto was the last major restoration. It will be interesting to see how their vineyard has developed. The guided tour lasts 2½ hours.

After lunch we will hear about the early plant hunters and see some of the plants in the walled garden. Many of the plants were sent from America by John Bartram to Charles Hamilton.

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MEET in the cafe for toilets and refreshments.

LUNCH

The cafe at Painshill Park does light refreshments, i.e. sandwiches, etc. View the menu during the assembly period 10.30 to 11.00.

The nearest restaurant is NY Bar and Restaurant on the roundabout just before the turning for the Park, i.e. walking distance. Grills £8-£20; Pasta £8-£11; salads £7-£10. (Not the usual REMS pub but probably OK).

There is a pub at the other end of Cobham – The Old Bear, a Wildwood bar – which has grills, pizza, pasta and salads of the order of £10 each. Draft beer. As the car park is small, groups going there should share cars.

TIMETABLE

10.30 – 11.00	Assemble in the cafe
11.00 – 13.30	Guided tour of the landscape garden
13.30 – 14.45	Lunch
14.45 – 16.30	Talk and tour of the walled garden

TRAVEL

The easiest way is by **car**. From the **M25** leave at **J10** onto the **A3** turning East towards London and leave at the next junction for Cobham. Follow the signs for Painshill Park driving through the town centre. Big carpark. KT11 1JE

One of the Guildford **trains** stops at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon. The 09.33 from Waterloo arrives at 10.11 (January timetable) The station is about 2 miles from the park. Those wishing for a lift should contact George beforehand.

LATE ARRIVALS Phone Reinalt or John to find out where we are. George may not be available on the day.

CONTACTS

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COSTS

£8 each for a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 30.

Refreshments at cost.

