



A visit to Horsley Towers and talk on Ada Lovelace
Monday 11th March 2024 – 10.15 to 12.30 – Independent travel
With optional extra lunch at the Duke of Wellington pub



The mansion which sits at the heart of the estate was originally built in 1820, and designed by Charles Barry, the architect of The Houses of Parliament. In the late 19th-century, the mansion was bought by Lord Lovelace and was the marital home of Ada Lovelace, the well-known mathematician, writer, and daughter of the poet Lord Byron.



Lord Lovelace further enhanced the property with the bold architectural features that can still be seen throughout, including the stuccoed tower, great hall, chapel and the cloisters. In 1919 the property was bought by Sir Thomas Sopwith, the inventor of the Sopwith Camel aeroplane and is now owned by the De Vere Hotel group.

On arrival we will enjoy tea/coffee/biscuits and once seated be given a talk on Ada Lovelace by local historian Roger Price, followed by a tour of some parts of the house. **NB There are some stairs and steps on the tour.**

Tables have been reserved at the Duke of Wellington pub, Guildford Road, just up the road from the Towers. Please indicate on the booking sheet if you would like to stay for lunch (at your own expense). Meals will need to be booked in advance and the menu along with map and directions will be given on confirmation of booking.

Cost: £18.00 pp. Park in the Towers car park. Meet in The 1820 (room on the ground floor by 10.15).

Organiser: Gilly Coombes: Email coombesfm@gmail.com or phone 07778 033769

NB Bookings must be made by 11th Jan as we are bound by contract to pay Horsley Towers by 15th

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Booking Form for Horsley Towers Visit – Monday 11th March 2024

All tear off slips must be given or emailed to Gilly Coombes: coombesfm@gmail.com

Or posted to 11 Berry Walk, Ashted KT21 1BT

I wish to bookplace(s) for the Horsley Towers visit @ £18.00 pp

Name(s).....

Telephone: E-mail:

Preferred method of payment is by Bank Transfer:

Please tick method of payment

Account: The Arts Society Leatherhead: Sort code: 30-99-50 a/c No 22676860

In the reference box please insert 'Horsley Towers' and your surname

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Or: I enclose a cheque for £..... (payable to: The Arts Society Leatherhead)

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Bookings will be confirmed upon receipt of payment (not normally refundable)

I would like to book lunch at The Duke of Wellington pub at own expense

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Photographs taken on the day may be used by the Society.

Please tick the box if you do NOT wish to be included

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Emergency Name & contact number on the day (person named should not be on the visit)

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