



Visit to Parham House and Gardens Wednesday 30th April 2025

Parham House is a perfect example of an Elizabethan Manor House and has been described as a “Jewel set in the South Downs”.

Dating from 1577 Parham has been owned and lived in by only three families, the last of whom, the Pearsons, lavished time and money over twenty years to restore the house to all of its former glory, collecting or buying back pictures and antique furniture which had either once been in the house or had a historical association with it.

Our visit will include a **guided tour** taking in the magnificent **Great Hall** and the **Great Parlour** - before visiting the four Reception and Family Rooms on the First Floor. There are celebrated portraits throughout, significantly of Frederick Henry, Prince of Wales; Elizabeth of Bohemia (the Winter Queen), also of Charles II and Omiah, the chieftain who came to England with Captain Cook. The Tour of the House ends with an exhibition of 17th Century needlework and a walk through the 48m **Long Gallery**, most recently restored and decorated by Oliver Messel.

After a break for lunch the second part of our guided tour will take in the restored 4 acre, Eighteenth Century Walled Garden and 7 acres of Pleasure Gardens across which lies the ancient St Peter's Church.

The plan for the day is:

- 08.45am** Depart Leatherhead Leisure Centre Car Park
- 10.00am** Arrive at Parham, Morning Coffee in the Old Kitchen
- 10.30am** Guided Tour followed by break for Lunch. (Options to be confirmed)
- 1.30pm** Garden Tour
- 3.30pm** Depart for Leatherhead, arriving around 5.00pm

Cost, inclusive Coach, Driver, Admission, Guides, Gratuities & Morning Coffee: £55pp

In order to assess the viability of this visit we are asking members to register their interest by 15th March 2025. Numbers are limited to 25. AS Members only at this stage, please.

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR Parham House 30th April 2025

Please contact the organiser Chris Evans: chrisjevans1@outlook.com (via telephone (01372)372169 or mobile on 077710 882721), or post to 15 St Mary's Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8HB . Please include return email, telephone number and postal address.

I wish to register my/our interest for place(s) @ £55pp

Name(s).....