

you are invited to a

Lecture Series

at Armscote Manor



Monday 4th September

'Kew Palace and the Madness of George III'

Dr Lucy Worsley

Dr Lucy Worsley is Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces. She and her team of fourteen curators are responsible for telling some of the greatest stories of British history to the three million visitors who come each year to the five Historic Royal Palaces. She has a history degree from Oxford, a doctorate in architectural history, and was formerly an inspector of Historic Buildings for English Heritage. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the author of books on Hampton Court Palace and seventeenth-century country house life, and lectures onboard the ocean liner Queen Mary II for Cunard.

Tuesday 5th September

Campaign to Protect Rural England

Tom Oliver – Head of Rural Policy at the CPRE



Tom Oliver took a degree in History from Cambridge and then worked for 6 years in advertising. He took another degree in Landscape Architecture in 1997 and then worked for the National Trust, running a £7.6m restoration project of Croome Park in Worcestershire, Capability Brown's first complete landscape design.

In 2002 he moved to the Council for National Parks, where he was responsible for CNP's evidence to the public inquiries into the New Forest and South Downs National Parks and the relationship between the armed forces and the National Parks. Since 2003, he has been Head of Rural Policy at CPRE. In the past year, Tom has spearheaded several influential reports, including 'Your Countryside, Your Choice' a vision of the countryside in 2035, as well as campaigning to prevent the closure of key laboratories of the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, including Monkswood in Cambridgeshire.

Wednesday 6th September

'A Life in Horticulture'

Gwyn Perry – Head Gardener at Armscote Manor

Having been introduced to the delights of gardening at the age of four by her Grandparents and learning to graft fruit trees at school, Gwyn has followed the garden path seriously from the age of fourteen. She studied for five years at Askham Bryan College and then was lucky enough to obtain a position at Wakehurst Place RBG, Kew County Estate. After eight years rising to become propagator. Her first Head Gardener position was at Rockingham Castle and her career up to date has involved two sojourns to Wales, the land of her Father and a ten year encounter with the beautiful gardens at Heale House in Wiltshire. She has worked on both public and private gardens and travelled around the UK in order to gain a wide experience over the last thirty-three years and is currently busy putting roots down at Armscote.

Thursday 7th September

'New schemes for historic gardens: a new approach to garden conservation'

Dr Isabelle Van Groeningen

In 1992 she set up a design and conservation practice called Land Art Ltd with Gabriella Pape a German landscape designer with whom she had studied at Kew. Half of their work is on the continent, particularly in Germany, though they have also worked in France, Italy, Portugal, Belgium and South America.

Although mostly private gardens, they occasionally work on public schemes too. These include the Secret garden at Clivedon (NT), a sustainable garden at the Barnes Wetland Centre (WWT) the borders and woodland at Eltham Palace which was one of English Heritage's Contemporary Gardens Competition entries which they won in 1999. They also designed the Paradise garden and new display gardens around the new visitor centre at Ryton organic gardens near Coventry. Currently they are, amongst others, working on a new garden for the Pasque Hospice near Luton.

The lectures start at 7pm with a glass of wine

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2 lectures	£26.00
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4 lectures	£44.00

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