

# The Arts Society Pewsey Vale

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## Gilbert White House and Museum, followed by

## Mottisfont House and Gardens

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Our day begins with a visit to the home of the great 18<sup>th</sup> century naturalist Gilbert White in Selborne. We will have coffee on arrival before a guided tour of the house and museum, and a chance to explore the 30 acre 18<sup>th</sup> century garden, recreated using White's diaries and correspondence. This house and museum also features the Oates Collections, stories and memorabilia of the family of that name, detailing the life and work of the Victorian naturalist and explorer Frank Oates, and the tragic story of his nephew Lawrence Oates on the ill-fated 1912 epic journey to Antarctica. Before leaving we will be able to enjoy lunch in the Cafe, housed in the recently renovated 18<sup>th</sup> century stables.

In the afternoon we visit Mottisfont, a National Trust property. This 13<sup>th</sup> century Augustinian Priory was transformed by a succession of families into a great country house after the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII. In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Russell family made Mottisfont the centre of a fashionable artistic and political circle. Our visit will begin with a guided tour featuring the rise and fall of the priory, after which there will be free time to explore the house further and to enjoy the grounds, not least of all the walled gardens housing the National Collection of old-fashioned roses. There are ample opportunities to enjoy ice creams and tea in your own time and by your own arrangement before we leave for the return journey to Pewsey.

Schedule (timings, other than departure from Pewsey, are approximate):

- 08.45 Depart Bouverie Hall car park Pewsey
- 10.15 Arrive Gilbert White House (Selborne): **coffee on arrival; lunch after tours;**
- 13.15 Depart Selborne
- 14.15 Arrive Mottisfont
- 17.15 Depart Mottisfont
- 18.00 Arrive Pewsey

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER ON THE DAY: 07900698707/07851195055**

**PLEASE COMPLETE BOOKING FORM ON SEPARATE SHEET**



**Visit to Gilbert White House and Mottisfont: June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**BOOKING FORM**

**Cost: £56.00 pp**

**Variation to cost: NT members: £43.00 pp**

**Cost includes:** transport, coffee on arrival, set lunch, guided tours of both places, and gratuities.

**Applications:** to the address below, or at a lecture, together with payment.

**Payment:** cheque payable to **The Arts Society Pewsey Vale**, or by **BACS** to account name: **The Arts Society Pewsey Vale**; account number: **43922561**; sort code: **20-05-06**; reference: **June Visit**.

**Refunds:** refunds will not normally be given; however you may send a friend in your place.

**Insurance:** please remember that the Arts Society insurance only covers members on any visit.

**Please send this form to :** David and Mary Du Croz, 25 The Green, Marlborough, SN8 1AW.

**Contact details: 01672511725/ 07900698707; email: du.croz@btinternet.com**

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**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone/mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NT member: please tick**

**Emergency contact telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any food allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I enclose a cheque for £...../I have paid £..... by BACS**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_