

The Gibberd Garden, Gibberd Gallery, and Harlow 'Sculpture Town' - Thursday 27 June 2019

Cost £50: including coach, refreshments on arrival, entry to Gibberd Gallery, accompanied tour of Harlow 'Sculpture Town' and Water Garden, buffet lunch, visit of house and free time to tour Gibberd Garden.

We are following up our October 2018 lecture by Mary Yule, *Sculpture and the Landscape*, with this visit to one of the towns she featured in her talk. **Sir Frederick Gibberd** prepared the master plan for Harlow New Town in 1946, and a year later was appointed its Consultant Architectural Planner. In 1957 he bought the Marsh Lane property on the edge of Harlow and from then on, until his death in 1984, he created his highly acclaimed garden. The Gibberd Garden Trust has since realised Sir Frederick's wish that his house and garden should be open to the public for education and recreation.

On arrival at the **Gibberd Gallery** we have time for refreshments (included) before a tour of the gallery, which houses watercolours by Piper, Bawden and Nash. We then head off on a walking tour of the **Water Gardens**. Built between 1958 and 1963, they are designed as a series of three parallel terraces, into which are set two canals, each 250 yards long, with multiple pools, fountains and ponds on all the terrace levels. Rejoining our coach we depart on our guided **Sculpture Tour of Harlow**, including works by Moore and Rodin. At the end of 2010 Harlow became the world's first 'Sculpture Town'. The sculptures are sited throughout the town. (We will be able to leave our coach for a close up view of many of these works). Henry Moore's *Family Group* looks out from the foyer of the Civic Centre onto the Water Gardens where Elisabeth Frink's *Boar* stands.

Once our coach tour is completed, we visit **The Gibberd Garden** and Sir Frederick's home, where we enjoy a buffet lunch, before an introductory talk on the house and garden. Afterwards, we have a tour of the house and free time to explore the intriguing garden and the eclectic collection of objects contained within it. Sir Frederick's conception involved planned vistas, using graded grass to give definition, and featured a series of 'rooms', each with its own character.

Due to limitations on numbers for the guided tours, we can only accommodate 30 members on this trip.

Members should be aware that the day will include getting on and off our coach at frequent intervals, and that a certain amount of walking is to be expected – some of it over uneven ground.

Itinerary

8:45 a.m. Depart promptly from Marks Tey Hotel, London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1DU.

10:00 a.m. Arrive Gibberd Gallery. Tea / coffee (included). Tour of Gallery.

10:45 a.m. Walk round Water Gardens.

11:45 a.m. Rejoin coach for guided tour of public sculpture and Water Gardens.

1:00 p.m. Arrive at The Gibberd Garden for buffet lunch (included).

1:45 p.m. Tour of Sir Frederick's home, then free time to explore The Gibberd Garden.

4:00 p.m. Coach departs for return journey, to arrive Colchester approx. 5:15 p.m.

Please note that all times are approximate.

Please complete the form below and return it with a cheque for £50.00 per person payable to **The Arts Society Colchester** to: Julia Stephen, 42 Scarletts Road, Colchester, CO1 2HA. Tel. 01206 864277. E-mail juliaphavis@hotmail.co.uk

Refunds are only available up to and including Wednesday 13 June.

Booking Form for Gibberd Garden and Harlow 'Sculpture Town', Thursday 27 June, 2019

Please reserve place(s) for Gibberd Garden and Harlow 'Sculpture Town'. I/We enclose a cheque for £.....

Name/s: Telephone Number:

Postal or e-mail address:

Car registration, if parking at Marks Tey Hotel:

Contact details please, in case of accident or emergency:

Any special dietary requirements: