

SPRING VISIT TO CHIRK CASTLE AND ERDIGG HOUSE

Saturday May 2nd 2020.

National Trust Members: £15.00, Non Members: £32.00

This year's Spring Visit promises to be up to the Society's usual high standard of the interesting and unusual. We will visit two venues near Wrexham, where we have admission to castle/house, gardens and estate and, hence we will need a fairly early start (8:30am). Both are National Trust properties so we will have two opportunities to browse the plants they have on sale.

CHIRK CASTLE AND GARDENS



We plan to arrive at 10 am when the gardens open. If you want to see inside the castle, this opens at 12 noon. To do this it will be best to purchase lunch when we reach Erdigg (or bring sandwiches) since we need to leave Chirk at 1pm to arrive there about 1:30pm.

- Courtyard Cafe and a drinks kiosk near Ticket Office
- Gift Shop sells a variety of food and drinks
- A shuttlebus from car park to castle starts at 10.15.

THE GARDENS

Inside the elaborate 18th century iron gates are 5.5 acres of award winning gardens including, clipped Yews, rare shrubs and flowers,.

THE WOODLAND AND PARKLAND

480 Acres, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and SSS Interest. Traces of Offa's Dyke, 8th century earthware ramparts. Stunning views over the Cheshire and Salop plains and in May bluebells will be in flower.



THE CASTLE

The Grade 1 listed castle was built in the late 13th early 14th century by Edward the 1st as part of a chain of fortresses to protect North Wales. The castle consists of State rooms with furnishings, tapestries and portraits reflecting the centuries of change the castle has endured. There is also the Adam Tower and dungeon

ERDIGG HOUSE



Here you will find three places to have lunch or indulge in tea and cake in the afternoon .. or both!

- Hayloft restaurant
- Tea Parlour
- Tea garden

The substantial, restored, late 17th century mansion recalls life above and below stairs. Chinese wallpaper, portraits of faithful servants in elegant impressive rooms, many important collections of art and sculptures. Outside there is a Laundry, Joiner Shop and Bake House

GARDENS

The restored 18th century formal walled garden contains trained fruit trees, pleached lime trees and the National Ivy collection.

There are many tree lined avenues and impressive water features.



PARKLAND



These cover 1,200 acres, were designed by William Emes from 1768-1780 and have a cylindrical cascade known as the cup and saucer.

We plan to leave Erdigg at about 5pm to get back by 7pm

IMPORTANT: National Trust members will be expected to show their current membership cards at the ticket offices of both properties.

TO BOOK

You can reserve your place at the Society meeting in February.

You will be able to purchase a ticket at the March or April Meeting.

You may also email: outing@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk to reserve a place.