



Luton Hoo Estate and Bedfordshire Gardens Trust

Present a Study Day:

A Capability Brown Walled Garden

Wednesday 6th April 2016

10.00-16.30



In 1763 John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute, purchased the 300-acre Luton Park together with a further 900 acres of surrounding land, and he turned to Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown to combine the whole into a landscape park of distinction. The two men worked closely together over a period of fifteen years, and Brown’s Account Book shows that payment for his work on the park and walled garden was only exceeded at Blenheim. Set in the context of his work on the wider estate, the study day will look at the creation and unusual orientation of the walled garden, which provided Lord Bute with a site for his noted botanical collection. There will be a tour of the walled garden with particular reference to the Brown features.

The programme will include an overview of the Brown landscape and its survival by Christopher Garrand, who is currently preparing the Conservation Management Plan for the Luton Hoo Estate; he has also been involved in the refurbishment of the Swiss Garden in Bedfordshire. Volunteers, including members of HADFAS, have been following a wide-ranging research programme for 15 years which will form the basis of the second talk. A selection of the material gathered will be on display including maps and plans, extracts from contemporary journals and books, financial accounts, reproductions of paintings and drawings, and plant lists.

- 10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome and Introduction
- 10.40 The Brown Landscape: Overview and Survival - Christopher Garrand
- 11.35 Coffee
- 11.50 Brown’s Walled Garden for Lord Bute: Overview – Felicity Brimblecombe
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 Tour of the Walled Garden – Pat Livesey (a virtual tour will be available if the weather is inclement)
- 15.15 Tea and Displays: browse and discuss with the researchers – Nora Shane and others
- 16.00 Questions and discussion
- 16.30 End

Enquiries to info@lhwg.org.uk or telephone 01582 721443 (www.lutonhooestate.co.uk)

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Number of places: at **£35 per person**. Please make cheques payable to **Luton Hoo Estate** and send to **Brown Study Day, Luton Hoo Estate, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 4LF**

Catering: Please indicate if you would like Vegetarian Gluten Free Dairy Free