

# MID SUMMER OUTING

## Wednesday 12th July 2023

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### The Manor House, Upton Grey, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG25 2RD



Gertrude Jekyll designed this important historic garden at **The Manor House** in 1908. John and Rosamund Wallinger bought the almost derelict property in 1984. What they did not realise was that underneath the jungle were the foundations of a very special garden, designed for a house belonging to Charles Holme, a leading figure in the Arts and Crafts movement. The work on this garden's restoration has been an exciting and rewarding adventure of discovery. This includes a talk by Ross Wallinger about the history of the garden and a list of plants in the borders designed by Gertrude Jekyll herself.

With all the regular summer activities, such as Wimbledon and the Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, being in full swing, it was time for the members of the Haslemere Gardening Society to enjoy the second outing of the year. This time it was fairly local, being at Upton Grey Manor House in Hampshire. This very special garden, designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1908 for Charles Holme, a leading figure in the Arts and Crafts Movement, was bought by John and Rosamund Wallinger in 1984, the house being almost derelict and the garden a jungle. They were novice gardeners but were given the help and advice of Penelope Hobhouse and acquired copies of Miss Jekyll's original plans from Berkley University in California, and with a great deal of hard work, restored the garden to its present glorious state with the plants intended by the designer. The colour scheme in most of the formal beds was predominantly shades of pink and white, backed by many magnificent hollyhocks. Besides the formal beds at the rear of the manor, there was a nuttery leading to the wilder part at the front with a lovely lily pond. To the other side of the house is a well-stocked kitchen garden inhabited by a flock of hens. We were made very welcome by Rosamund and John Wallinger, the former giving us an interesting talk on the garden and then offering us tea, coffee and cake before we explored. It was lovely to get such a personal introduction to the garden

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