



THE BECKFORD SOCIETY



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 24 JULY 2021



**PAINSHILL PARK
COBHAM, SURREY**

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We first visited Painshill in 1998, and last held our AGM here in 2005.

Painshill was created by Hon. Charles Hamilton (1704-1785) uncle of William Beckford's mother and youngest son of James, the sixth Earl of Abercorn. In 1738, he purchased some 300 acres of land and began creating his own 'pleasure garden', with a serpentine lake, grotto and other architectural features. He was forced to sell the estate in 1774 and moved to Bath where he continued to plant and create gardens.

Since the creation of the Painshill Park Trust in 1981, an extensive programme of restoration has returned the garden to its eighteenth-century scheme. The Grotto has been recreated, and visitors can follow Hamilton's walk around the landscape passing other extraordinary buildings including the Turkish Tent, Ruined Abbey, Gothic Tower and Hermitage. The Temple of Bacchus is the latest building to be restored.

Painshill Park, Portsmouth Road, Cobham Surrey KT11 1JE

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Cover photo: The Ruined Abbey, Painshill.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 24 JULY 2021

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COBHAM, SURREY

The Garden opens at 10.00am

Coffee will be available from 11.00

A.G.M.

11.30 AM

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee
6. Future Activities
7. Society Publications and Communications
8. Any Other Business
9. Date of Next Meeting

LUNCH BREAK

A buffet lunch will be served

2.00. – 3.00

GUIDED TOUR OF THE PAINSHILL LANDSCAPE

BECKFORD SOCIETY – AGM 2021

Please notify the Secretary if you will be attending this year’s AGM at Painshill Park on Saturday 24 July

I/We shall be attending the AGM []

NAME/S

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Tickets for the day to include tea/coffee on arrival, and buffet lunch are £20 each. I/We should like ticket/s at £20 each = £

I/We enclose a cheque for £ made payable to the ‘International Beckford Society’

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