The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries
Livery Committee

A private visit to Leith Hill Place including light lunch and cream tea on Thursday 14 May 2020

An atmospheric house with panoramic views across the Surrey countryside, Leith Hill Place was the childhood home of one of England's greatest composers, Ralph Vaughan Williams, who gave it to the National Trust in 1945. His grandparents, Josiah Wedgwood III and Caroline (née Darwin) moved there in 1847 and his great uncle, the famous naturalist Charles Darwin, conducted experiments in the grounds. For nearly 40 years, Leith Hill Place had been tenanted as a school boarding house, and in summer 2013, was opened to the public for the first time since the 1960s. Our visit will take place on a day when the house is not open to the public and, hopefully, the rhododendrons will be in full bloom.

10.45: Meet in the Rhododendron Wood carpark
11.00: Arrival & tea, coffee
11.30 – 12.10: Talk about the house and its history
12.10 – 13.00: Tours of the attic and soundscape on the life and works of Ralph Vaughan Williams running concurrently so both may be undertaken
13.00 – 14.00: Light lunch with a glass of wine or a soft drink
14.00 – 15.30: Guided tour of the Rhododendron Wood
15.45: Cream tea
16.30: Depart.

Please bring your National Trust card, non-members pay on entry (£6.50/person). The event will be limited to 25 participants. The cost will be £35/person inclusive of light lunch and cream tea. Due to
the stairs in the house, and the woodland walk, the visit is not suited to those with poor mobility. The house is not accessible by public transport but a taxi could be taken from Dorking rail station.

Please return the booking slip to Lt Col Debbie Malins by no later than 16 April 2020.

Leith Hill Place

To Lt Col Debbie Malins, 24 Quail Close, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 5ZJ or 01403 256429, or debbie@dmalins.plus.com

Please reserve me ............. places at £35 per person for the event on 14 May 2020

Either I shall pay by bank transfer:

WSA Livery Committee, Sort Code: 40-46 08, Account No: 92018829
Please reference with your surname and date of event.

Or I enclose a cheque for £................................. (Payable to WSA Livery Committee)

All applications and receipts of money will be acknowledged

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