

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries Livery Committee

A private visit to Leith Hill Place including light lunch and cream tea in May 2021



Although this National Trust property is not yet open to the public due to Covid-19 it is hoped that the visit planned for May 2020 will be rescheduled for May 2021.

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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 the rhododendrons should be in full bloom.

The visit, which will be on a weekday, should run from 10.45 to 16.30 and include some, or all, of the following:

- Tea/coffee on arrival
- A talk about the house and its history
- Tours of the attic and a soundscape on the life and works of Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Light lunch
- Guided tour of the Rhododendron Wood
- Cream tea

The event will be limited to 25 participants and will cost £40/person inclusive of light lunch and cream tea (to be confirmed). 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.

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