

THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD
STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE AND GARDENS, TWICKENHAM
THURSDAY 27 JULY 2023

(Please note change of date)



Grand Tours of France and Italy inspired Walpole's white stucco palace.

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COST PER PERSON £39.00 (Includes coach and entrance ticket) Non-members and friends' welcome.

Strawberry Hill House's story begins in 1747, when Horace Walpole discovered and purchased 'Chopp'd Straw Hall', one of the last remaining sites available on the banks of the Thames in fashionable Twickenham. He set about transforming what was then a couple of cottages into his vision of a 'little Gothic castle' with pinnacles, battlements and a round tower. Thus, Strawberry Hill House was born – the House became a tourist attraction in Walpole's lifetime and beyond.

Highlights include a beautiful collection of painted glass and over 50 Old Master paintings on long term loan from the Dulwich Art Gallery and a further eight works from a private English collection which help to recreate the atmosphere of house as it would have been 250 years ago.

GETTING THERE

9.45 - Meet at St Peters Church Limpsfield for coach to Strawberry Hill
11.15 - Arrive Strawberry Hill House.
12.00 - Tour of House (75-90 minutes) (If more than 20 people we will be split into 2 groups).
13.30 - Lunch (in the café or take a picnic) and then free time to wander around the garden.
16.00 Approximately - Return home.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: Please contact visits.limpsfield@theartsociety.org or phone 01 883 713205. Please pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference "*Strawberry*" and your surname and confirm you have made the payment to the above email address. Please send cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkhams Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

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