


Group Visits 2012

House | Museum | Garden | Gift Shop | Tea Parlour

GILBERT
WHITE'S
HOUSE
& GARDEN
and
THE OATES
COLLECTION



Dear Group Visit Organiser,

Welcome to Gilbert White's House & Garden and The Oates Collection, Selborne



Discover three fascinating stories about explorers of the Natural World...**Gilbert White**, the pioneering 18th century naturalist. Explore his home, set in 30 acres of magnificent garden and parkland. Find out about his life...and see if you can find Timothy his tortoise. Learn about **Captain Oates**, who undertook the epic journey of discovery to the South Pole with Captain Scott in 1911-12, in an **inspiring new gallery, opening in March 2012**, to mark the centenary of his death. Journey to Africa and the Americas with 19th century explorer **Frank Oates**. Marvel at the fabulous collection of birds, animals and African weapons.

Enjoy our award winning **Tea Parlour** and charming **Gift Shop**, with plant sales from the garden too.

Booking

Please telephone us so that we can check our diary for the date you are proposing. Once the date is agreed, please complete and return the attached form to confirm your booking. The form can be downloaded from our website or we can send you a copy. Please do not wait until 14 days before your visit to return the form.

Opening Times for 2012

1 January - 12 February	Friday - Sunday	10.30am - 4.30pm
14 February - 31 March	Tuesday - Sunday	10.30am - 4.30pm
1 April - 31 October	Tuesday - Sunday	10.30am - 5.15pm
1 November - 23 December	Tuesday - Sunday	10.30am - 4.30pm

Also every Bank Holiday, and Mondays throughout June, July & August

Plus, by special arrangement, on other days and at other times, including evenings.

Admission Charge

The standard admission price for a pre-booked, pre-paid group of 10 or more people is £6.50 each.

Introductory Talk

An introductory talk is offered to groups at no extra cost, and will give a further insight into the history of the house and the three explorers of the natural world whose lives and work we celebrate here.

Comments from recent Group Visits

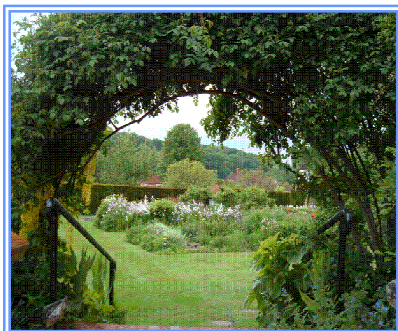
"What can I say about our visit to Gilbert White's House yesterday - a perfect day for weather and an absolutely perfect house and garden to be in. We all appreciated what a lovely welcome we received when we arrived and throughout the day. Everything went brilliantly and everyone who took part in the visit thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would just like to add how easy everything was made for me as an organiser - well done to everyone"

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Garden Tour



With over twenty acres of ancient parkland and some five acres of restored gardens with a focus on 18th century planting, a garden tour is a fascinating way to learn about Gilbert White the Gardener and the plants and features described in his writings.

Garden Tours are by prior arrangement only as they can only be offered if a member of the garden staff is available. There is an additional cost of £2.50 per person.

May 2011 *"The weather was perfect for looking round the beautiful garden and the Head Gardener gave us an excellent talk on its history"*

Catering

Providing that a minimum of 10 people will be eating and that the food is all pre-booked, arrangements can be made for your group to use our elegant and award-winning Tea Parlour. Please book and pay for this no later than **14 days** before your visit. For options and prices see the attached booking form. All members of the group must be served the same option. Because of the limited size of our Tea Parlour groups greater than 20 will be catered for in two sittings. Please note if advance booking is not made, members of your group can visit the Tea Parlour on an individual basis but we cannot guarantee to have sufficient staff or the room available to satisfy your group's catering needs.



May 2011 *"As for the Tea Parlour, it must serve the best cream tea in Hampshire."*

Parking

The village car park is a 3 minute walk from the House. It is situated just off the main road behind the Selborne Arms. The car park can take cars and coaches. Occasionally the car park may be full; in which case visitors can be dropped outside the House and coaches parked in lay-bys approximately a mile distant either North or South of the village.

Selborne Village

On arrival at reception members of your group will be given stickers which allow them to come and go as often as they please on the day of their visit. This conservation village in the South Downs National Park is very attractive and there are superb walks, including Gilbert White's Zig Zag Walk. There is a pottery and an art gallery to visit, several bijou shops, and the village church, where Gilbert White is buried, has two stained glass windows commemorating him.

Payment

We require payment in full for group admission and catering a minimum of fourteen days prior to your visit. Please either send a cheque payable to **'The Oates Memorial Library & Museum & Gilbert White Museum'** or telephone 01420 511275 to pay by debit or credit card.

Queries

Please contact us if you have any queries or wish to make a booking. Our aim is to make your day out as enjoyable and stress-free as we possible.

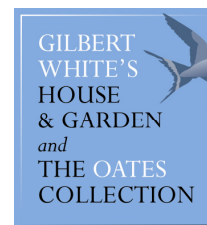
Stephanie Dale

Group Visits Co-ordinator

August 2011 *"Everybody loved the garden and the house has such a lovely atmosphere. Thank you too for making the admin so easy. Altogether, a lovely day."*

Group Catering Order Form

House | Museum | Garden | Gift Shop | Tea Parlour



These options are offered on the understanding that ALL members of the group requiring catering are served the same option.

Date of Visit
Name of Group / Society

Morning Option

- 1) House Tea or Filter Coffee with Shortbread

Cost per person	No. Required	Total
£3.10		

Lunch Options

- 1) Sandwich Buffet, Potato Crisps, Fresh Fruit Platter with Tea/Coffee
- 2) Soup of the Day and Bread Roll (suitable for vegetarians) with Tea/Coffee

£7.10		
£6.10		

Afternoon Tea Options

- 1) Cream Tea (Two Plain Scones, Strawberry Jam, Cornish Clotted Cream and Tea for One)
- 2) Homemade Victoria Sponge with Tea/Coffee
- 3) Homemade Fruit Cake with Tea/Coffee

£6.00		
£4.60		
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TOTAL to add to Group Visit Booking Form

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Signed	Date
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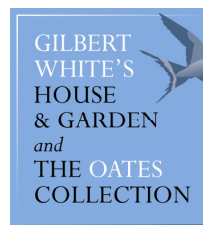
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Name of Group / Society	
Name & Address of Organiser (for correspondence)	
Telephone Number	
Email	
Date of Visit	Number in Group (minimum of 10)
Arrival Time	Departure Time
How did you hear about us?	
Please tick if you would like a short introductory talk on your arrival.	
Please tick if you would like a Garden Tour £2.50 per person supplement	

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or telephone to pay by credit/debit card.

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Total Admission charge (£6.50 each)	
Total Garden Tour charge (£2.50 each)	
Total Group Catering charge (as per order completed)	
GRAND TOTAL TO PAY	
Signed	Date

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