



The Pulborough Society

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Visit to St Mary's House & Garden Bramber

Thursday 5 June at 10.30am



Located near the castle in the downland village of Bramber, St Mary's is a medieval timber-framed house which started out as a historic pilgrim inn. It has a remarkable royal history and intriguing literary connections with Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and the Sherlock Holmes story *The Musgrave Ritual*.

For over 40 years it has been the family home of Peter Thorogood and Roger Linton who saved the house from semi-dereliction in 1984 and set about extensive works to restore and enhance the estate.

The house has fine panelled interiors including a unique Elizabethan *trompe l'oeil* painted room and a Victorian music room where the owners hold concerts and other events.

The five acres of beautiful gardens include formal topiary, a large prehistoric *Ginkgo Biloba* 'living fossil' tree and a Victorian "secret" garden with a 40 metre-long fruit wall and heated pineapple pits. There is also a beautiful rose garden, a terracotta garden and fountain, a King's Garden and a circular English Poetry Garden as well as a Landscape Water Garden with an island and waterfall.

Ticket for entry - £14.00 per person payable in advance.

Transport can be arranged.

Lunch afterwards at the Castle Inn Hotel, a very short walk away.

To book a place, or for more information, please contact Leo Hanmer

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