



Research and Recording Study Day

Kings Weston, Bristol

Tuesday 22 September 2015 – 9.30 am to 3.45pm - £50

*Lancelot 'Capability' Brown at Kings Weston: A Re-assessment
Exploring his Legacy of Comfort and Elegance*

As part of the celebration of the Tercentenary of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, we shall be exploring the influence of Brown on a country estate situated on the outskirts of Bristol. Kings Weston has a long and complex history and the grounds have been variously associated with John Evelyn, Robert Mylne, Thomas Wright and Lancelot Brown, but lack of funding meant the estate had been neglected for too many years. This situation changed in 2011 when the Kings Weston Action Group was founded to protect the estate to fight for its future and protect its past.

The house we see today was designed in 1712 by Sir John Vanbrugh for Edward Southwell. Vanbrugh also designed other buildings on the estate that still exist although the massive terrace overlooking the River Severn was removed later in the eighteenth century when the formal gardens were swept away and replaced with a more naturalistic style of landscape design associated with Brown.

Our guest speakers will help us discover more about the Southwell family and the Kings Weston estate, the importance of Brown in the British landscape movement and a re-assessment of the influence of Brown at Kings Weston in the light of current research.

Programme:

9.30am	Registration/coffee
10.05am	Welcome and introduction
10.20am	Delegates split into two groups Group 1 – 20 minutes (max) tour of the house Group 2 – 20 minutes (max) introduction to KWAG Groups then swap round
11.00am	David Martyn <i>Kings Weston, 'About the House and Terras'</i> Setting the scene for Brown at Kings Weston
11.45am	Steffie Shields <i>'Moving Heaven & Earth - Capability Brown and the Gift of Landscape'</i> - an overview of Brown's diverse works in relation to his philosophy
12.30pm	Judy Preston <i>'Another piece of the jigsaw'</i> - A tantalising glimpse of Wright's involvement in improving the Kings Weston landscape
1.15pm	Lunch and coffee
2.00pm	Prepare for guided tour of grounds
2.15pm	Guided tour of the grounds
3.45pm	Close of study day

Cost:

£50, includes morning coffee/tea and refreshments on arrival, tour of the house, lectures, lunch in the Oak Room and tour of the grounds.

Booking:

If you are a member of a County Gardens Trust, please be aware that the study day is also open to Garden History Society members, so early booking is advisable. To book a place on the Study Day please complete the attached booking form: If you wish to pay by BACS you will need to reserve a place first. Please email Teresa the AGT Co-ordinator at: gardenstrusts@agt.org.uk or phone 020 7251 2610 to make a reservation.



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First name:	Surname:	Email: (For confirmation of booking and receipt of payment)	
Postal Address: (For sending out Information Packs - Please type or print clearly, thank you)			
Full Post Code:			
Phone number:			
County Garden Trust member?	Yes / No	Trust name:	
Garden History Society member?	Yes / No		
Special dietary or access requirements?			
* Please tick if you would like to receive details of local Hotels and Bed and Breakfast accommodation.			

PAYMENT:

Payment can be made either by Cheque or by a BACS payment. If paying by BACS you will need to have received confirmation from the Co-ordinator that a place has been reserved for you.

Cheque payment:

Cheque made payable to: **The Association of Gardens Trusts. Important: Due to a change in banking regulations, please do not abbreviate in anyway, i.e. AGT, otherwise we will not be able to bank the cheque and will need to request a replacement one from you)** Cheque enclosed for: £

Please return the completed form, along with a cheque to:

The Co-ordinator, The Association of Gardens Trusts, 70 Cowcross St, London. EC1M 6EJ.

BACS payment:

Our bank details for payment by BACS are:

A/c no: 00806277 | Sort code: 20 37 82 | Bank: Barclays, Haverfordwest Branch

Date of BACS payment to the above account:

Please email this completed form to gardenstrusts@agt.org when the BACS payment has been made.

Refund policy: Please note that refunds cannot be made less than two weeks prior to the event.

Enquiries to: Teresa Forey-Harrison, AGT Co-ordinator: gardenstrusts@agt.org 020 7251 2610