



Study Day organised by the
Birkbeck Garden History Group
Saturday 29th February 2020



A Galaxy of Grottoes

The theme for the day will be the ever-intriguing subject of grottoes in garden history from classical times through the Italian Renaissance to their heyday in Britain of the 18th century, and will include a session on the problems and practicalities of their restoration.

Venue: Institute of Historical Research, Wolfson Room, North Block Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU. (Nearest undergrounds are Russell Square and Goodge Street)

Programme

10.00 am Registration

10.30 am *Seneca and others on ancient Roman grottoes and nymphaea*
John Harrison, Visiting Fellow, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences The Open University

11.30 am Coffee

12.00 pm *Italian Renaissance grottoes*
Laura Karran, Garden Historian and Heritage Scientist, University of Lincoln

1.00 pm Lunch break

2.00 pm *Who were the grotto builders? A focus on 18th century England*
Michael Cousins, Garden Historian

3.00 pm Tea

3.30 pm *Painshill Park grotto: an archaeological project in restoration*
Adrian Powell, Project Leader and Conservator, Cliveden Conservation

4.30 pm Close

Chairman: **Michael Symes**, President of the Birkbeck Garden History Group

Tickets: £36 for BGHG members in advance, £40 for non-members in advance or £40 for everyone at the door. The ticket includes tea, coffee and biscuits, but not lunch. You may bring your own lunch if you wish, as a separate room is provided. Alternatively there are several cafés nearby.
NB. As usual you are invited to bring in your own coffee/tea at registration.

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