

AGM Saturday 23 July Old Walden Village Hall

The Village, Old Warden,
Biggleswade, SG18 9HQ
Doors Open 1:30
AGM 2:00 Talk 2:30

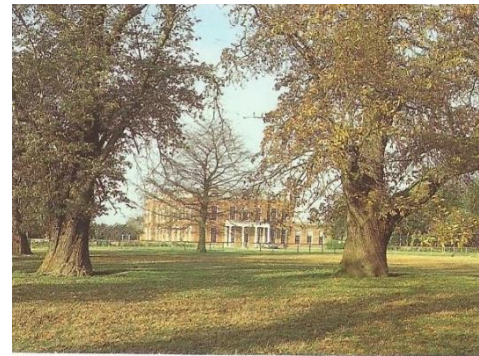


TALK:

History of Hazells Hall and Landscape Speaker: Joanna Hewitt

From mid-16th century Hazells estate was owned by Burgoyne, Britain and Kingsley families. By the mid-18th century, it had passed, by marriage, to Pym whose descendants still own the wider landscape.

The Hall was enlarged several times and occupied until 1942 by the Pym family. During WW2 it became a hostel for RAF pilots stationed at Tempsford. Post war it was used as a hospital and then left empty. It is now restored and converted into individual private dwellings.



SANDY, Beds. 18C Hasells Hall, restored from near dereliction into private apartments, beyond ancient sweet-chestnuts. (12 Nov. 1986)

Two notable landscapers have left their mark on the grounds. Nathaniel Richmond instigated the impressive straight terrace. Humphry Repton moved the road further to the east to provide a parkland view from the house, added a sinuous walkway but kept Richmond's terrace.

"... the straight terrace at the HASELLS ought not to be disturbed: although it is a remnant of geometric gardening of the last century, yet it is an object of such comfort and convenience, that it would be unpardonable to destroy it, for no other reason than because a straight walk is out of fashion ..."

Theory & Practise of Landscape gardening

Members and guests are very welcome.

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