

January Meeting



Owletts Cobham



Owletts, Cobham, a National Trust property was the subject of Camilla Baker's talk on January 25. Camilla is a descendant great granddaughter of Sir Herbert Baker who was born in 1862 and lived at the house for most of his life until his death in 1946. A prominent architect he spent many years in India, where he designed several Government buildings in Delhi and Calcutta. Whilst working in South Africa, he became a friend of Cecil Rhodes. Returning to England, he designed Church House in London and the "Pavilion"

at Lords Cricket Ground. He was also responsible for the plans for the World War One Commonwealth War Graves and all his works can be identified by his favourite use of columns, which can also be seen within the house. During his time at Owletts, he worked for a time with Edwin Lutyens and landscaper Gertrude Jekyll worked on the gardens. Camilla took us through her family history and idyllic childhood at Owletts. The property is open on Sundays from April 1st till the end of September and is well worth a visit. Parish Councillor, Sue Sparks, then gave a talk on the new defibrillators which the Parish Council hopes to distribute in time throughout the village. There is already one at the Doctor's surgery, Hermitage Road and one sited on the Recreation Ground. Mrs Sparks gave an excellent demonstration of the use of the machine to members, which was much appreciated.

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February Meeting All Things Nutty



How nutty are you?



Alexander Hunt, who farms at St Mary's Platt, brought along his many and varied products to our main meeting held on February 23 and members listened to his most interesting talk. The range of products made with nuts included mustard, savoury oils, biscuits, sweets and chocolate nuts. There is even a "nut cream" for easing skin problems. The Romans originally bought walnuts to England. Green walnuts are still used in producing tattoo dyes. Early man ate cobnuts and hazelnuts and used the outer shells to dye cloth. Alexander also sells a large range of nut trees and many fruit trees and has a worldwide following for his products. There are about 150 nut growers in the UK and they meet annually, their main meal is Squirrel nut casserole! Potash Farm products are available at Country fairs, farm shops and on the web.

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2018/19 Charity

At its January meeting members unanimously agreed to support our existing charity ~ Wisdom Hospice~ for a further year. The Bring & Buy Sale raised £75 for the charity. Thank you all for your generosity

Cobham Hall Tour

This tour has been arranged for **Wednesday 29th. August 2018**
Cost £10/head. Monies will be collected June/July meetings.
Other details to follow.

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If you have any comments, please contact the relevant committee member

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Nomination forms for committee members will be available at February meeting . In particular we are looking for Chairman nominations.