

PICNIC & CROQUET at POLESDEN LACEY
Thursday 13th June 2019
(12.45pm for Picnic - optional) 1.45pm for 2pm start for Croquet
5pm finish



Polesden Lacey is a beautiful 1,400 acre estate, high on the North Downs, with stunning views across the Surrey Hills. On a clear day it is possible to see Leith Hill and the South Downs in one direction and the sprawl of London in the other. Polesden Lacey was owned by society hostess Margaret Greville, who entertained royalty, politicians and the cream of society. Following her death in 1942, the property was left to the National Trust.

We will be taking over the croquet courts, which sit on the lawns to the South West of the mansion, with stunning views across the valley to Ranmore Common. We have booked all four courts, which means that waiting times for a game will be minimal, but will give you a chance to chat with your fellow members and enjoy the views and gardens. Mallets and balls will be provided. At 4.15pm, join us in the Granary Café for a cream tea. We will be finishing by 5pm.

Polesden Lacey has a cafe serving cooked lunches, sandwiches and snacks and also a coffee shop offering hot drinks, sandwiches and cakes. The cafe, coffee shop, main toilets and gift shop are located before you pass the pay desk into the grounds. However you are free to leave and return to the grounds as frequently as you wish, in order use the facilities. There is a trailer selling drinks and snacks within the grounds and also portaloos, but these are a short walk away from the croquet courts.

Meet by Visitor Reception at 12.45pm for those joining us for a picnic (bring your own) or 1.45pm for those coming later for the start of the Croquet.

If you are a National Trust member you should show your membership card on entry to the property. Non-members will need to enter with us as a group, as entrance to the grounds is included in the court fees. At 1.45pm we will need to collect the mallets and balls from visitor reception and carry them down to the courts.

The event is not suitable for young children or dogs. Although not a long walk, those with mobility difficulties may find the terrain challenging, but wheelchairs that can cope with grass, rough paths and shallow slopes are suitable. Suitable wheelchairs can be booked in advance by contacting Polesden Lacey direct. Suitable footwear and clothing for the weather should be worn, including sunscreen and sunhat if necessary. Bring water/drinks if hot.

Parking is free to NT members by getting a ticket from the parking machine by scanning your membership card. For non National Trust members, car parking is pay and display costing £5.00.

Booking is essential. This event is limited to 32 people and if you would like to join us, please book your spaces online at the bottom of the page and indicate in 'Comments' box if you will join us for picnic/lunch. Alternatively you can complete and return the downloadable form here below to arrive at Warren Farm Barns before **Friday 7th June 2019**. Please include your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope so you may be sent full details, directions and locations for the visit.

For further details and enquiries, contact us at info@surreyhillssociety.org or on mobile 07530-949302.

Please note that the Surrey Hills Society and its Event partners accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or personal injury during events. Participants are requested to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and take due care and attention. The Society uses members' photographs on social media and on our website. If you are not happy to have your photo taken during this event, please notify us in writing prior to the event and make the event organiser aware on the day.

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Please complete and return this slip with your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope to:
SHS – Croquet, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DG

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I wish to book _____ Surrey Hills Society member places at £13 per person

and/or _____ non-Surrey Hills Society members at £15 per person

National Trust Members must bring their National Trust membership card

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to "The Surrey Hills Society" and a stamped addressed envelope (if no e-mail address available).

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