



**Sussex
Gardens
Trust**

Humphry Repton Study Day - Brightling Park

Saturday 16th June 2018 – 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Brightling Village Hall, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5HJ



This study day is one of three events being organised by Sussex and Kent Gardens Trusts as part of the Gardens Trust's national celebration of the life and work of Humphry Repton, the last in a line of great eighteenth century landscape designers who died 200 years ago this year. During his lifetime (1752-1818), he worked on hundreds of estates across England including Brightling Park (originally known as Rose Hill) for which he produced one of his famous "Red Books" – richly illustrated with maps and sketches.

The Study Day will provide a brief outline of the historical development of Brightling Park while the two principal lecturers will look at Repton's life and work.

John Phibbs is a leading authority on late 18th century designed landscapes and an accomplished and entertaining speaker. His morning lecture will provide an overview Repton's work, looking at the social and cultural tensions and the magnificent work that emerged.

Before lunch there will be a choice of guided walks, with different activity levels, to see some of Brightling Park to look at the design and what Repton tried to do to make it different from 'Capability' Brown.

After a buffet lunch, Laura Mayer, garden historian and author, will look at Repton's relationship with his clients, including his connections and relationships with Jane Austen, 'Capability' Brown and the Picturesque aesthetes; she will also explore later developments at Brightling and the fascinating follies built by a later owner of the park, "Mad Jack" Fuller.

Full details of the programme are shown overleaf. To book a place, cut off and complete the form below and send with payment to the address indicated. See <http://www.sussexgardenstrust.org.uk/events-2018>

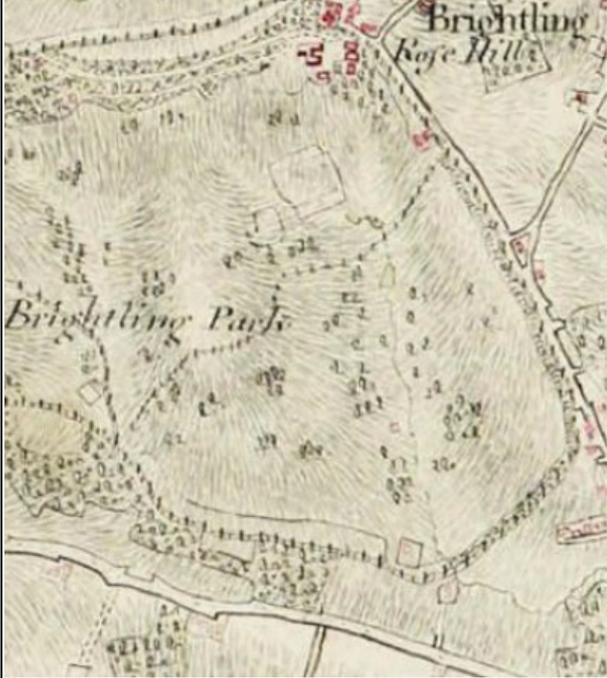
Information on two other events being organised by Kent Gardens Trust is also shown overleaf.

An e-mail will be sent to confirm bookings. The Trust reserves the right to change the programme due to circumstances beyond our control

Booking Form for Brightling Study day Sat 16th June 2018. Please complete form and send with your cheque to:						
SGT Events Secretary, 3 Beehive Close, Ferring, Worthing, W Sussex, BN12 5NS.						
To pay online e-mail: membersinformation@sussexgardenstrust.org.uk or Phone 01903 700950; mobile 07969 534558.						
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If you have a special dietary requirement, please indicate in the box opposite						
Cost	Member of Sussex GT or Kent GT	£45	No required		Cost	£
	Other (Name	£50	No required		Cost	£
Overall total (please include a cheque payable to Sussex Gardens Trust)						£

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Programme		
 <p><i>OS Surveyor's Drawing 1806</i></p>	10.00am	Registration, coffee and biscuits
	10.30am	Welcome, Jim Stockwell, Chairman SGT
	10.35am	<i>An Introduction to Brightling Park</i> , Alan Starr, SGT
	10.50am	<i>Convenience and Shelter - did Repton ever do more than make his clients feel comfortable?</i> John Phibbs, Principal of Debois Landscape Survey Group, garden historian, author and lecturer.
	11.50am	Introduction to Guided walks in groups (different options will be offered to suit preferred activity level)
	12.00pm	Guided walks led by John Phibbs and members of SGT
	1.00pm	Buffet Lunch
	2.30pm	<i>The Prolific and Plausible Mr Repton</i> Laura Mayer, Garden Historian, author and lecturer
	3.30pm	Summary, John Phibbs
	3.45pm	Tea and Cake

SGT Trust is also collaborating with Kent Gardens Trust who are organising two other events in 2018.

Sun 20th May 2.30pm at Riverhill Gardens Sevenoaks TN15 0RR. Lecture by John Phibbs on *The Unlikely genius of Humphry Repton*. Price: £30 (£25 KGT & SGT members), incl tea & tour of the garden at Riverhill.

The KGT Spring Lecture will be given by *John Phibbs*, probably the country's best known expert of both Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton. John's lecture will provide an overview of Repton's career, and an account of the development of his work from early commissions such as Cobham Hall to later ones such as Montreal. John will share his sense of wonder at how much he achieved, and how he managed it.

Mon 22nd October 2018 10am - 4pm. Repton Study Day at Cobham Hall, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3BL. Price: £50 (£45 KGT & SGT members) to incl tours, coffee, lunch and tea.

The **Study Day at Cobham Hall** will have a keynote address from distinguished author *Stephen Daniels* (author of the authoritative *Humphry Repton: Landscape Gardening and the Geography of Georgian England*). There will be additional talks from Cobham Hall experts who have been involved with the restoration, a guided tour of the grounds, and an option to visit the Mausoleum designed by James Wyatt. For full details and booking for these two events - see Kent Gardens Trust website: <http://www.kentgardenstrust.org.uk/events/> or phone 01322 861679