



## Berkshire Local History Association

### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 11.00 onwards

**Eton Wick Village Hall, Eton Wick Rd, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6LT**

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being hosted by the Eton Wick Local History Group. The programme will follow the usual format: arrival and refreshments in the hall from 11.00 a.m. with the AGM starting at 11.30 a.m. There will be a short talk on the early history of Dorney Court. A light lunch will be available at 12.30 p.m. for those who request it, followed by a bookable tour of Dorney Court starting at 2 p.m.

**Transport:** There is a public bus service to Eton Wick from Slough and Maidenhead. There are parking facilities at the Village Hall and at Dorney Court.

**Displays:** For societies wishing to set up displays, the hall and adjacent car park will be available from 10.30 a.m.

**Dorney Court Visit:** The BLHA has arranged a private tour of this grade I listed early Tudor manor house.

There is limited space on the tour and there will be a charge of £10.80 per head payable in advance to reserve a place. Bookings will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

The house at Dorney Court dates from around 1440 and is owned and lived in by the Palmer family. Sir James Palmer (1585–1658), first of the Palmers of Dorney Court, was a younger son of Sir Thomas Palmer, baronet, of a younger son of Sir Thomas Palmer, baronet, of Wingham, Kent. He was Gentleman of the Bedchamber to James I and Charles I, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter (from 1645), a personal friend of Charles II, and an artist and miniature painter. He was also an adviser to the royal collection, and governor of the Royal Tapestry Works, Mortlake.

During our tour we will visit the Great Hall where there are many ancestral portraits of the Palmer family including Barbara Villiers, Countess of Castlemaine, wife of Sir Roger Palmer and mistress to Charles II. Over the years the house has acquired many different collections amassed by many members of the Palmer family including furniture dating from the restoration onwards.

If you would prefer to bring your own lunch or eat in the vicinity there are a number of options available. If you wish to share the BLHA provided lunch then please indicate numbers on the form overleaf. We shall be catering for the numbers indicated.

For those not wishing to visit Dorney Court, there is the historic chapel of St Mary Boveney a short walk from the Eton Wick Village Hall. Also, a new leaflet featuring a self-guided walk around Eton Wick will be available.

**Please respond by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Send a completed Booking Form to Elias Kupfermann at [e.kupfermann@btinternet.com](mailto:e.kupfermann@btinternet.com). Alternatively, return a completed hard copy to the address shown on the form.

**BOOKING FORM OVERLEAF**

Name ..... Society .....

How many places at the AGM do you wish to book? .....

Please give the names of the others attending from your society:

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Nomination for the Election of the Officers and Executive Committee membership of the Berkshire Local History Association. My nomination(s) / My Society's nomination(s) are:

Chairman .....

Treasurer .....

Secretary .....

Membership Secretary .....

A Member of the Executive .....

Signed.....

Seconded.....

I wish to reserve a display space for my society at the AGM ..... (yes/no)

I wish to partake of lunch provided by the BLHA ..... (number of lunches required)

Booking for Dorney Court Tour – cost of £10.80 per head in advance

How many places on the tour do you wish to book? .....

Please give names of those wishing to attend the tour:

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The preferred payment method for the tour is a bank transfer using the following details:

Berkshire Local History Association

CAF Bank

Sort Code: 40-52-40

A/C No: 00015707

If this is not possible, please include a cheque made payable to Berkshire Local History Association with the completed booking form. Include stamped addressed envelope if you wish to receive a confirmation.

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO

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