

**A GARDENS TRUST STUDY DAY AT BOUGHTON HOUSE,
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, N14 1BJ**



Wednesday 10 MAY 2017

10.30am, tours start 11am, day
ends 4pm

Garden tour to be led by **Brian Dix**



‘Boughton Park early 18th-century garden of land, water, vistas, rhythm and reflection’

The Gardens Trust has been fortunate to arrange a visit, by kind permission of the Duke of Buccleuch, to see the restoration works on the garden and park at Boughton by consultant archaeologist Brian Dix. It will follow Brian’s winter lectures in Birmingham and London for the Gardens Trust. The gardens of Boughton House comprise extensive remains of formal layouts dating from the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Rides and avenues of the same period extend far out into the surrounding countryside, set within the deer park of late medieval origins. The visit will include a tour of Boughton House (grade I listed) whose transformation by Ralph Montagu from a ‘large but rambling house’ to its current form began in 1685.

Brian Dix has been working for the Duke of Buccleuch for the last few years and has been involved in re-constructing the *Grand Etang*, the centre-piece of which is a 75ft *jet d’eau*. We hope His Grace will be kind enough to turn on this spectacular fountain. Brian has also undertaken other extensive archaeological work around the site and is now overseeing the restoration of the bastion to re-establish the vantage viewpoints out to the rides and park. There will also be an opportunity to see Kim Wilkie’s *Orpheus* – a 21st-century water feature commissioned by the Duke for the empty space opposite the mount – which has been repaired during 2016.

Tickets: £45 Garden Trust members, £48 County Gardens Trust members, £50 non-members, to include sandwich & soup lunch, and tea/coffee & homemade biscuits.

Book online using Eventbrite at no extra fee, or post the downloadable booking form with your cheque.

See the Garden trust website for full details. For further information contact Claire de Carle:

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