Dog Policy update: 10 minute tie up point

In response to feedback from our dog walking visitors, we are trialling a dog tie up point in the Stable Courtyard. From early August onwards look out for these new paw signed designated areas to tie up your pet for a maximum of ten minutes while you use the toilets, shop and catering facilities.

The dog tie up points will be on the north side of the Stables close to the new toilets and Grooms’ Rooms Bookshop. Please make sure dogs are tied up at on a short lead while using the tie up point and be aware that the behaviour of the dog remains the responsibility of their owners. To enjoy a break or rest your legs after a walk through the Estate stop in at the Dog Walkers’ Rest on the east side of the Stables where shelter is provided for dogs and owners can enjoy food purchased from the Carriage House Café.

We’ll be reviewing our Dog Policy at the end of the year, if you have any feedback please contact us or fill in a Comment Card on your visit.

Summer Nights Film Festival

This September we’ll be inflating a giant twelve foot high screen next to the Mansion as part of this year’s Summer Nights Film Festival presented by QUAD, Derby’s centre for art and film.

Film goers will be able to settle down in front of the big screen and watch a choice of two films in the impressive surroundings at Attingham. Delicious food will be available from the Tipsy Pig, hot drinks from Drink Up, and there will be a licensed bar.

The Great Gatsby (12a) Friday 9 September—Join us for this Oscar winning film with Leonardo DiCaprio as the enigmatic Jay Gatsby who lures mid-westerner Nick Carraway into his lavish world.

Les Miserables (12a) Saturday 10 September—the legendary stage adaptation gets the Hollywood treatment starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway, Helena Bonham-Carter, Amanda Seyfried and Eddie Redmayne.

Tickets cost £13.00 per person and can be booked via our website or telephone on 01332 290606.

For more information about Attingham, events and activities or enquiries visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/attinghampark or call 01743 708162 *
Get involved with volunteering
We're looking for enthusiastic people to join our friendly team of volunteers and help us look after this special place. Join us at our September Volunteering Open Day to find out more.

There will be two sessions on Thursday 1 September at 11am and 2pm where you can speak to members of our volunteering teams and find out more about the roles and what it's like to volunteer here.

If you'd like more information before then head on to our website and click on Get Involved or phone 01743 708124.

Mansion exhibition: The Tea Timeline
From Monday 8 August visit the Mansion and take a look at The Tea Timeline – an exhibition of everyday teatime kitchenalia. ‘Teatime’ has been a key part of family life and social culture over the years. On display are plenty of familiar objects dating from 1900 to the present day as well as a few unusual objects you may or may not remember being used by yourself or previous generations.

The Mansion is open daily from 11am and you’ll find the exhibition in the Stewards Room in the basement until Sunday 28 August.

Explore the Pleasure Grounds with Lord Berwick and his servants
Join our Pleasure Grounds costumed guides for a walking tour every Wednesday and Saturday from 3 August. M’lord’s servants, and even Lord Berwick himself will be leading this short (45 minutes – 1 hour) tour starting from the Clock Tower at the back of the Mansion at 11.30am and 2pm and finishing in the Bothy in the Walled Garden.

The Pleasure Grounds (Mile Walk) were landscaped by Thomas Legget in the 1770s but over the past 250 years, the area has reverted back to woodland and many of the views and landscaped areas have become lost or blurred. The Pleasure Grounds are currently being restored as part of an exciting ten-year project to bring back their former glory.

The tour will give you an insight into the world of the Berwicks and their landscape gardeners, Thomas Leggett and Humphry Repton. Help us look for clues in the landscape, discover lost views and find out more about the restoration project. There is no additional charge to join a Pleasure Grounds tour.

The Stables: Re-working a Grand Design
What’s happening in August?
- The steel frame of the building to house the biomass boiler has sprung up and work on the surrounding brickwork will start this month.
- We’ve been ensuring the materials for our new build are suitable. Sarah Kay our curator has been checking mortar samples for the new build, to make sure it is in keeping with the original building.
- We’ll be installing the drainage system for the biomass building.
- Internal and external building work on the South side of the Stables continues.

What will be happening this autumn?
As building works progresses we’ll be making a few temporary changes to the facilities in the Stables Courtyard during the autumn. Some of the visitor facilities will be re-located to different spaces in the Courtyard for a short period to accommodate the planned building work. We’ll be keeping disruption to a minimum and will keep you updated as an when this will be taking place.

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