

# Group Information Pack 2019

House | Museum | Garden | Gift Shop | Café



## *Welcome to Gilbert White & The Oates Collections*

Be inspired by Gilbert White, Frank Oates and Lawrence Oates to take a journey into the Natural World. The beautiful historic house that was once the home to Gilbert White is now home to an eclectic museum, gardens and visitor centre.

Explore the museum that commemorates Gilbert White, pioneering 18th Century naturalist, Frank Oates Victorian explorer and Lawrence Oates, member of the tragic Terra Nova expedition to the South Pole. We are lucky to be situated in one of the most beautiful areas of the South Downs, and have 25 acres of garden for our visitors to enjoy. The garden is beautiful all year round, and a fascinating mixture of restored heritage garden and natural conservation.

In 2018 we are unveiled a new visitor entrance with a new café perfect for groups that can sit up to 50. The café and entrance situated in Gilbert's historic stable yard will have direct access to the garden, a shop and a chance to see White's brew-house.

### *How to Book*

Simply contact us via e-mail or telephone, once a date has been agreed, please complete and return the attached form to confirm your booking. Please do not wait until the last minute to send in the form, even if you are unsure of the details. Our opening times are listed on our website, however special arrangements can be made out of hours.

### *Packages*

**Peak Package** The standard admission price for a pre-booked, pre-paid group is £9.00 per head. This includes an introductory talk and admission to the museum and gardens. Tours and catering options can be added (Valid March–October).

**Winter Package** During the winter months (November, December, January and February) admission is £7.00 per head. This includes an introductory talk and admission to the museum and gardens. Tours and catering options can be added.

### *Introductory Talk*

An introductory talk is offered to all groups at no extra cost, and will give a further insight into the history of the house and the three explorers of the natural world that we celebrate.

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## *Tours*

**Garden Tour** With over twenty acres of ancient parkland and some five acres of restored gardens with a focus on 18th century planting, a garden tour is a fascinating way to learn about Gilbert White the Gardener and the plants and features described in his writings.

**House Tour** Get a special insight into the house and galleries, with an guided tour. Only available to groups under 15 people due to size of the rooms.

*All Tours are by prior arrangement only. We charge £2 per person.*

## *Catering*

White's Café opened in 2018 and specialises in locally sourced food made on site. We can offer pre-booked catering arrangements . Please book and pay for this no later than **14 days** before your visit. For options and prices see the attached booking form. All members of the group must be served the same option. Depending on availability larger groups may have to be divided into two sittings. Your group can also visit the café without a prior booking, however please note that at times the café can become busy, and it may not possible to seat all members simultaneously.

## *Parking*

The village car park is a 3 minute walk from the House. It is situated just off the main road behind the Selborne Arms. The car park can take cars and coaches; when it's busy visitors can be dropped outside the House and coaches parked in lay-bys approximately a mile distant either North or South of the village.

## *Selborne Village*

On arrival at reception members of your group will be given stickers which allow them to come and go as often as they please on the day of their visit. The pretty historic village of Selborne is located within the South Downs National Park. There are superb walks, including up Gilbert White's ZigZag path on to the Selborne Hanger. There is a pottery, a selection of village shops, and a café on the high street, and The Selborne Arms Pub. The village church, where Gilbert White is buried, has two stained glass windows commemorating him, is directly opposite the Museum, and well worth a visit.

## *Payment*

We require payment in full for group admission, tours and catering a minimum of fourteen days prior to your visit. Please send a cheque payable to '**Gilbert White & The Oates Collections**' or telephone 01420 511275 to pay by debit or credit card.

## *Queries*

Please contact us if you have any queries or wish to make a booking. Our aim is to make your day out as enjoyable and stress-free as possible. Let us know if your group have any specific interests as we aim to be flexible and for you to get the most out of your visit.

## *Drivers and Group Organisers*

Drivers and group Organisers can enjoy free admission. Drivers can also collect a voucher to allow them 20% discount in our café.

## *Stop & Refresh*

Gilbert White & The Oates Collections is a great place to rest on a long journey situated between the A3 & The M3. We have a café, toilets and shops available to use free of charge.

# Group Catering Order Form



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These options are offered on the understanding that ALL members of the group requiring catering are served the same option. All options come with tea, filter coffee and water included. We can cater for all dietary requirements including vegan, dairy free and gluten free. Simply ask us before entering your forms.

Date of Visit
Name of Group / Society

<b>Morning Options</b> <i>(served between 10:30–11:45)</i>	Cost per person	No. Required	Total
Coffee and Shortbread (V) Filter Coffee or Tea served with a homemade shortbread biscuit	£4.00		
<b>Lunch Options</b> <i>(served between 12:00–14:30)</i> <i>* Vegetarian Options available.</i>			
Homemade Soup with a Granary Roll and Butter (V)	£7.00		
Mixed Sandwich Platter, served with crisps and fruit.*	£9.00		
Quiche served (warm or cold) with crisps and a salad garnish, and fruit.*	£9.50		

<b>Afternoon Tea Option</b> <i>(served 14:30–16:30)</i>	Cost per person	No. Required	Total
Cake Platter: A platter of small tray bake cakes	£2.00		
Cream Teas: A homemade scone served with a pot of Tiptree jam and fresh clotted cream.	£6.00		

**TOTAL to add to Group Visit Booking Form**

Signed	Date
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You can fill out this form using the 'PDF Sign' facility and email it to [info@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk](mailto:info@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk) or print and post to Gilbert White's House & Garden, High Street, Selborne, Hampshire GU34 3JH

Payment is required in full at least 14 days prior to your visit.

# Group Visit Booking Form 2019

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Name of Group / Society			
Name & Address of Organiser (for correspondence)			
Telephone Number			
Email			
Date of Visit		Number in Group (minimum of 10)	
Arrival Time		Departure Time	
How did you hear about us?			
Package (Please Tick)	Peak (£9)	Winter (£7)	
Please Select Group Add-Ons	Introductory Talk (Free)	Garden Tour (£2)	House Tour (£2)

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Payment is required in full at least 14 days prior to your visit at the prevailing rate.

We are always happy to accommodate additional numbers after the 14 days advance payment deadline, however these will be charged our standard admission and catering rates.

Please send a cheque payable to 'Gilbert White & The Oates Collections' or telephone to pay by credit/debit card.

Refunds cannot be made for cancellations made after this time. Thank you.

Total Package charge (package x group no.)	
Total Tour charge (tour x group no.)	
Total Catering charge (as per order completed)	
<b>GRAND TOTAL TO PAY</b>	

Signed	Date
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