



## YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

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### THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MASHAM TOWN HALL SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

#### AGENDA

**9.45am** Coffee.

**10.30am** Welcome from Yorkshire Gardens Trust Chairman, Val Hepworth.

Welcome and introduction by our Annual General Meeting Chairman, Nick Lane Fox

1. Apologies.
  2. Minutes of the nineteenth AGM, 19th March, 2016 at The Heritage and Learning Centre, Scampston Hall.
  3. Matters arising.
  4. Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements. (Report e-mailed or mailed to members.)
  5. Adoption of the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements.
  6. To re-appoint UHY Calvert Smith as independent examiners to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Council of Management to fix their remuneration
  7. Introduction of the trustees.
  8. Election of members of the Council of Management.
  9. Any Other Business.
10. Close Annual General Meeting.

**11.30am Introduction of Guest Speaker, Simon Warwick: 'The Mickle Dynasty'**

Following the focus on 'Capability' Brown last year, this AGM will consider the several generations of Adam Mickle who were landscape 'improvers' playing an important role in the landscape parks and gardens of Georgian Britain, particularly in Yorkshire. This will be revealed by Simon Warwick and Ray Blyth.

Directions for the rest of the day.

**12.45pm** Lunch.

**2.00pm** Guided visit to the Druids Temple with Ray Blyth, or a tour of Masham. You will be given directions where to meet before lunch.

**3.00- 3.30pm** Optional self-purchased tea and cake at the Bivouac.

## **Election of Members of the Council of Management**

### **Biographical information from Fiona Barlow**

Fiona Barlow graduated from Cambridge with a degree in Modern and Medieval Languages. After a 30 year long career in the wine trade, during which she qualified as a Master of Wine, she took early retirement. Fiona then took a degree in Garden Design from where her passion for Garden History developed. For the last three years Fiona has been an active member of the Events organisation team and did hold the position of Trustee briefly when numbers fell unexpectedly below the quorum, but other commitments have prevented her standing for re-election until now.

### **Biographical information from David Morgan**

David Morgan is currently the General Manager for the National Trust Properties in York, and has been with the National Trust for over ten years having managed the Lyme Park estate in Cheshire for seven years. Previous jobs took him to New York, Charlottesville and London as a hotel manager. With a passion for gardening, from being a volunteer gardener in Manhattan to now managing three gardens, he is happiest working on his own garden in Easingwold.

### **Biographical information from Vicky Price**

'My background is in editing television documentaries, but when I retired I wanted to become a better gardener, so I did the RHS Level 2 course and afterwards the administrator at my college suggested I might be interested in the Birkbeck Diploma Course in Garden History. I joined the Yorkshire Gardens Trust with the hope that I would not only continue learning about historic gardens and landscapes, but that I would also be able to use skills learnt helping with local history societies in Twickenham, the Marble Hill Society and the Friends of Turner's House, as programme secretary. I believe the work the Gardens Trusts do in conservation, education, and research is of huge importance in helping to maintain our heritage of designed landscapes and gardens and we must try to promote this to as wide an audience as possible by attracting people to join us.'

### **Biographical information from Nigel Tooze**

Nigel has recently returned to Richmond, where he grew up. After obtaining a degree in Modern History from Durham University, he spent 26 years, mainly in London, working for RBS. He has been Treasurer of Chelsea Opera Group since October 2013 and last year became a Trustee and Honorary Treasurer of the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond. He is interested in both interior and garden design and spends a lot of time visiting gardens and historic houses and landscapes, in this country and further afield.