

SPRING OUTING

On Wednesday 13th May 2015

The Haslemere Gardening Society visited

EXBURY GARDENS & STEAM RAILWAY

In the New Forest National Park

Haslemere
Gardening
Society

Exbury Gardens is a famous garden in Hampshire, England, which belongs to a branch of the Rothschild family. It is situated in the village of Exbury, just to the east of Beaulieu across the river from Bucklers Hard. In 1919, Lionel de Rothschild purchased the Mitford estate at Exbury in Hampshire, where he devoted a great deal of time and money to transform it into one of the finest gardens in all of England, with more than one million plants. In the 1920s, he built Exbury House around an existing structure in a neo-Georgian style.



Other features include the Hydrangea Walk, the Rock Garden, Iris Garden, the Sundial Garden which follows an exotic planting, and a Camellia Walk (which takes visitors to a path alongside Beaulieu river and back via the pond).



Exbury is a 200-acre informal woodland garden with very large collections of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, and is often considered the finest garden of its type in the United Kingdom



He constructed a private railway to transport rocks to build the largest rock garden in the country. Today the 12 ¼" railway runs along a 1 ½ mile track and gives a sweeping view of the northernmost part of Exbury Gardens



Website

www.exbury.co.uk

Telephone

023 8089 1203