

# SPRING OUTING

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 the Haslemere Gardening Society visited

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## Standen House and Gardens, West Sussex

**Standen House and Gardens** is an idyllic location with views across the Sussex countryside. The 12-acre hillside garden showcases year-round seasonal highlights and an award-winning plant collection. On the wider estate, footpaths lead out into the woodlands and Ashdown Forest.



The very attractive gardens are set on a hillside overlooking the Ashdown Forest. The views over the Forest are spectacular. Highlights of Standen Gardens include the Quarry Garden, the South Garden Terrace and the Top Terrace, which was built in 1910.

Many of the plants were chosen by Margaret Beale, a reputable plants woman of the 1920's and she kept a garden diary, which means that the history of Standen Garden is extremely well documented. In Spring the gardens are pretty with rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas and spring bulbs, whilst the summer garden showcases roses, herbaceous borders, flowering shrubs and seasonal produce in the Kitchen Garden.

Standen is now in the care of the National Trust and is open to the public for most of the year – but not all of it. The National Trust acquired neighbouring Standen Wood to help reconstruct Mr Beale's original estate and Standen Wood is now managed as a wildlife sanctuary.



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