

Guided tour of Kew Palace and The Royal Kitchens
Kew Society members private tour
Friday 2nd June 2017, 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.



Kew Palace, also known as The Dutch House, was built in 1631 for a Flemish merchant, Samuel Fortrey and his wife, Catherine de Latfeur. Their initials remain carved over the entrance to Kew Palace.

The house was leased by Queen Caroline and later bought by George III who spent happy summers at Kew Palace with his wife, Queen Charlotte, and their 15 children. It was an important refuge during his infamous episodes of ‘madness’. After Queen Charlotte died in 1818, Kew Palace was closed up. It was acquired by RBG Kew 80 years later and opened to the public for the first time.

The Royal Kitchens, next to the Palace, are preserved from the time of Queen Charlotte's death in 1818. The Great Kitchen and preparation rooms give an insight into Georgian culinary life and the servants who worked there.

We will finish our tour by raising a glass to royal toasts, hosts and maybe ghosts!

Please note that there is a lift in the palace but not in the kitchens where there are a lot of steps.

Tickets for members only: £8 to include a glass of wine

 To Mrs Sue May, 60a Leyborne Park, Kew, Richmond TW9 3HA. Telephone: 020 8940 8724

1/we would like tickets to The Kew Palace tour and enclose a cheque (payable to The Kew Society) for £8.00

Member name (s)

Address

Number of tickets at £8.00 person. Total cheque £ Telephone

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