

President: The Marquess of Cholmondeley KCVO DL

OCTOBER TALK : FRIAR PARK & BAGSHOT PARK

Saturday 15th October 2022 at 2pm followed by tea & biscuits
Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road NR20 4RU

“Friar Park & Bagshot Park - the life of the Estate Garden”

An illustrated talk by John Knowles.

John has been researching the life of estate gardens for some years prompted by his family history and his interest in the lost estate gardens which had been left to become derelict as a result of the staff going off to war and never returning. *Find out more about the planting and layout of Bagshot and Friar Parks at www.johnknowles.net*



Research into John's gardening ancestors revealed that three of his great-grandfather's cousins became head gardeners to large estates. **Charles William Knowles**, had been Head Gardener at Bagshot Park, part of Windsor Great Park, for Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, third son of Queen Victoria.

Charles brother **Philip Oswin Knowles** was Head Gardener at Friar Park a Victorian neo-Gothic mansion at Henley-on-Thames built in 1889 with extensive grounds.

The oldest brother was **George Du Rose Knowles** who left the UK to become Head Gardener of The Beverley Estate in South Island, New Zealand.

BOOKING FORM £5 members / £6 guests

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