



VOC (1903-1957) National Meeting & AGM 2024

Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens, NN6 9LY

Sunday 21st July 2024.



Kelmarsh Hall is a Grade 1 listed house just off junction 2 of the A14, about 5 miles south of Market Harborough and 11 miles north of Northampton. We will have a dedicated secure parking and trailer area, welcome refreshments, and an introduction to the site by an expert staff member and full access to the Hall and surrounding RHS Partner gardens.

Built in 1732, successive owners have left their imprint on this elegant Palladian manor. We



will be able to access the grand ground floor rooms such as the salon, dining room and library plus the newly opened bedrooms with their stories of the many families who have lived in the house and the 'below stairs' servants' quarters, which give an insight into Victorian working life.



The current house décor is largely the work of the noted designer Nancy Tee, later Nancy Lancaster. She created a combination of comfort and formality which set the trend for twentieth century English Country House design. Her spirit pervades the house today in the delicate terracotta colouring of the Great Hall, the exuberant Chinese wallpaper and seasonal flower arrangements, techniques which would be emulated in country homes across England and America.



Designated by English Heritage as a garden of national significance, the extensive grounds surrounding the hall are known for their relaxed charm and 'haphazard luxuriance'. All areas are open for exploring, including the wonderful formal and walled gardens and the woodland and lakeside walks.



The VOC is inviting members of other selected Vauxhall owners' clubs. In addition to the usual VOC awards, there will be a trophy for the best car from the guest clubs. The on-site Sweet Pea's tearoom is a popular place to eat or you can bring a picnic to enjoy by your car.

After an informal prize-giving, the VOC Annual General Meeting will take place.

Entry will be at the subsidised rate of just £15.00per person. Please complete the entry form as soon as possible and by the 30th June at the latest.