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Spring Meeting Wednesday 10th May 2017 Westonbirt House and Gardens

This year's Spring Meeting will be a visit to Westonbirt House, a supreme example of Victorian architecture, which is now a private girl's school. Robert Stayner Holford (1808-1892) employed Louis Vulliamy to design and build this grand country house using new Victorian technologies between 1862 and 1875. The house was set within a maturing landscape of trees and gardens that had already been laid out by earlier Holfords following the ideas of William Sawrey Gilpin. The formal Italian Garden includes many architectural features, including the unique double pond. St Catherine's church lies within the grounds.

We will meet at 2pm in car park in front of the house. We will be given a private guided tour of the house, which will last a little over an hour. We will then take tea overlooking the gardens. After tea, members will be free to walk at leisure in the spectacular formal gardens and pleasure grounds. The cost is £15 per person and full details of the day will be sent to those who have booked on the form below.

Members who wish to make a full day of their excursion might wish to explore Westonbirt Arboretum in the morning. This was originally developed as part of the estate by Robert Stayner Holford and is now operated by the Forestry Commission.

Spring Meeting Westonbirt – 10 May 2017

Name Tel no......

Address.....

Postcode Email.....

No. of places required at £15 per place

Cheque to *Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society* for £ enclosed

Names of additional attendees

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Confirmation will be emailed or if no email address please enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that confirmation of your booking can be sent together with further details of the meeting.