

Visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, Tuesday 30 April 2019

Coach from Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards (from the bus stop just short of Albany Road), at 10 am, departing Kew 4.30 pm

Members £30 inclusive of entrance charge of £13.60; non-members £35.

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The Temperate House at Kew, which reopened in 2018 after a five-year restoration project. The Grade I listed building was designed by Decimus Burton and engineer Richard Turner. It was originally opened in 1863.

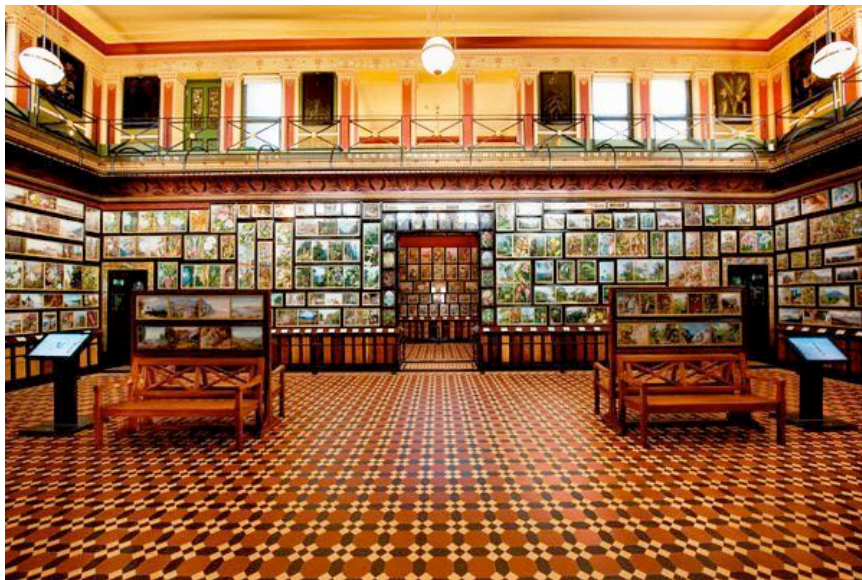
It is hoped that a member of the staff of Donald Insell Associates, the restoration consultants, will give us a guided tour. The restoration was accomplished through combined funding of £41 million from the Government, Heritage Lottery, philanthropic organisations and Kew donors

The day will continue with a visit to the famous Palm House (1844-48) (below) also by Burton (with Nicole Burton) and Richard Turner



The trip will include a visit to the Marianne North Gallery of Botanical Illustrations. Marianne was born in Hastings in 1830, daughter of Frederick North, a Liberal MP for the constituency for several periods between 1831 and 1869

Marianne travelled extensively overseas, especially in remote areas, making hundreds of botanical drawings and paintings of great accuracy.



The Marianne North Gallery
The gallery was opened in 1882. It was restored in 2008 with the help of a Heritage Lottery grant of £1.8 million.