

BEST FRIENDS BIENNALE

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BEST FRIENDS BIENNALE 2024 HECKFIELD PLACE 21-23 JUNE 2024

PROGRAMME

All elements of the programme will take place on-site at Heckfield Place, of which we have exclusive use for the duration of the programme.

Time	Activities	Location
Late afternoon	Arrival at Heckfield Place (Check-in opens at 16:00)	Reception Heckfield Place, Heckfield Hook, RG27 0LD
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome reception and speeches	Main terrace* * In event of wet weather, location will change to Moon bar
20:00 – 00:00	Informal dining experience centred on an open fire	Hearth restaurant











Saturday, 22 June 2024

Time	Activities	Location
07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and optional leisure activities	Marle restaurant for breakfast Reception for activity meeting point
09:30 – 12:30 (incl. break)	'Making Sense of a Volatile World' Led by Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB and Andrew Exum of global strategic advisory global strategic advisory firm, Hakluyt.	Assembly room and courtyard
12:45 - 14:30	Lunch	Walled garden and the Glass house* * In event of wet weather, location will change to Hearth restaurant
14:45 – 15:45	'The Power of Storytelling' With Sarah West of pre-eminent communications and advisory firm, Brunswick, and Kate Blewett, a BAFTA award-winning documentary maker	Screening room



15:45 - 18:15	Free time and optional leisure activities	Reception for activity meeting point
18:15 - 19:30	'A tasting journey' A flavoursome team activity - prizes will be awarded to the winners!	Reception meeting point
19:45 – 22:15	Farm to table dining experience, encompassing a menu designed by Skye Gyngell at Green Michelin Star restaurant, Marle	Marle restaurant
22:15 until late	After-dinner drinks and live music	Marle restaurant

Sunday, 23 June 2024

Time	Activities	Location
08:00 – 10:00 Breakfast and optional leisure activities	Breakfast and	Marle restaurant for breakfast
	'	Reception for activity meeting point
11:00 onwards	Guest check-out. Those with later travel plans are welcome to stay and explore the estate and Bothy spa	Reception

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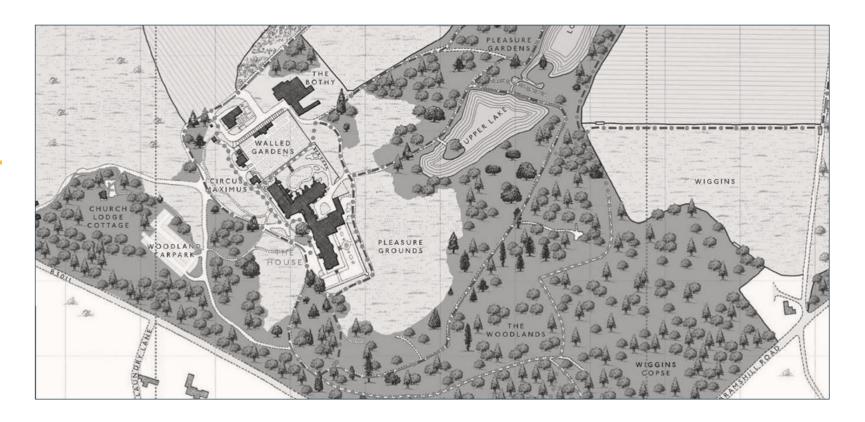


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Heckfield Place

Heckfield Pace is a country haven with a lovingly restored Georgian family home at the heart of a working estate. This beautiful rural setting is surrounded by 438 acres of ancient heather, woodland, gardens and meadows which have been sculpted over centuries.



Transfers

Heckfield Place is a 40 to 45 minute taxi journey from Heathrow Airport. We recommend pre-booking transport from Heathrow (or using the taxis at Heathrow / Uber on arrival).

Return home: We recommend pre-booking taxis with Heckfield Place in advance.

The reception desk will be ready to arrange taxis for Sunday depending on your onward travel plans.

By train

For those arriving by Eurostar, or who may already be in London, we recommend heading to Paddington train station and catching the fast train to Reading.

From there, take a station taxi to Heckfield Place. Taxis can be found here 24 hours a day. The taxi rank is located on the south side of the station, just outside Platform 1. This is approximately a 20-minute journey.

By taxi		
Addison Lee (to and from Heathrow)	Addison Lee	
Blacklane Global Chauffeur Service (to and from Heathrow)	Blacklane Global Chauffeur Service	
B&B taxis (local to Heckfield Place)	+44 (0)1276 600767 / +44 (0) 07785 577851 enquiries@bandb-taxis.com	

Dress code		
Friday evening	Smart casual/relaxed (no ties) business attire	
Saturday daytime	Smart casual	
Saturday evening	Evening-wear, in keeping with the relaxed country-house style setting	
Other	Sportswear for optional activities, as selected	





Heckfield Place

There is an abundance of activities to take part in during your stay, as well as over 400 acres of surrounding woodlands to explore. During periods of free time, there will be opportunities to take part in various activities as listed below:

Friday 21 June 16:30* to 17:30

- Yoga class
- Woodland movement class (consists of walking, running, squats, lunges etc.)
- Guided bike tour (2 electric bikes also available)
- Nature immersion walk focused on the senses and includes meditation
- Spa treatment†
- Bothy facilities gym, swimming pool, steam and sauna

Saturday 22 June 07:00* to 09:00

- Bothy facilities gym, swimming pool, steam and sauna (07:00 09:00)
- Morning lake swim (07:00 09:00)
- Yoga class (07:00 07:45)
- Guided trail run (07:45 08:45)
- Nature immersion walk focused on the senses and includes meditation (07:45-08:45)
- Pilates class (08:00 08:45)
- Breathwork class (08:00 08:45)





16:15* to 17:15

- Farm tour (highly recommended)
- House art tour
- Spa treatment[†]
- Bothy facilities gym, swimming pool, steam and sauna
- Yoga class
- Pilates class
- Woodland movement class (consists of walking, running, squats, lunges etc.)
- Guided bike tour (2 electric bikes also available)
- Afternoon tea in the lounge available for all guests

Sunday 23 June 07:00* to 11:00

- Bothy facilities gym, swimming pool, steam and sauna (07:00 17:00)
- Morning meditation and breathwork class,
 Session 1 (08:00 08:30)
- Morning meditation and breathwork class,
 Session 2 (08:30 09:00)
- Spa treatment[†]
- * Please meet at Reception ten minutes before scheduled activities or head directly to the Bothy to use their facilities and for spa treatments. Afternoon tea will be served in the lounge.
- [†] Spa treatments need to be booked in advance and are subject to availability. Please contact **Katie Ray** for further information.

Contacts

The full Heckfield team will be on hand for the duration of your stay.

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Hakluyt



Sir Oliver Robbins KCMG CB

Olly joined Hakluyt in 2023 and leads Hakluyt's coverage of corporate clients across EMEA.

Olly joined from Goldman Sachs, following over two decades as a British civil servant. He has advised four prime ministers, during a career spanning economic policy and the 2008 financial crash, public service reform and spending, corporate finance on the public/private boundary, counterterrorism and geopolitics. He has also led international negotiations covering the G8, 5-Eyes Intelligence Alliance, and EU withdrawal.



Andrew Exum

Andrew joined Hakluyt in 2017 and led Hakluyt's business in Texas before coestablishing the Washington, DC office in 2021. Today Andrew leads Hakluyt's business in the American South.

Prior to Hakluyt, he served as US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East policy. Andrew also served as an officer in the US Army, leading light infantry and special operations units in Iraq and Afghanistan.





SPEAKERS

Brunswick and Kate Blewett.



Sarah West

Sarah is the UK Managing Partner of Brunswick Group.

Sarah advises clients across sectors, with a specialist interest in the technology, media and consumer sectors. She joined Brunswick in 2006 from BlackBerry where she was responsible for launching the brand in FMFA.

She specialises in corporate story development and stakeholder communications at moments of change including crisis, M&A, IPO and leadership renewal. Sarah has advised clients in the UK and internationally, working with businesses that have strong consumer brands like Farfetch, Warner Bros. Discovery, Just Eat and Monzo.



Brunswick and Kate Blewett.



Kate Blewett

Kate Blewett is a multi Emmy, BAFTA awardwinning documentary producer and director who makes global films focusing on social issues of exploitation, abuse and neglect challenging governments, corporates and organisations worldwide. Among her 125 awards are 5 Emmys, BAFTA, 3 US Peabody, Amnesty International, Royal Television, Prix Italia, Robert F. Kennedy and Monte Carlo UNESCO Special Jury award. Kate has filmed in over 70 countries (often undercover) including China, USA, India, Russia, Africa, Philippines, Thailand, Bulgaria, Ukraine and the UK. Her most highly regarded films are The Dying Rooms, China's Stolen Children, Slavery, India's Carpet Slaves, The Transplant Trade, Bulgaria's Abandoned Children and Children of the Cybersex Dens.

Kate has interviewed extensively around the world, using her personal touch to access people's private lives, emotions and opinions – often never heard before. She campaigns hard for change alongside her films and her work has led to the closure of institutions, changes in laws, the release of slaves, and reduced child trafficking activities. She speaks globally at child rights conferences, global slavery meetings, corporations, charity events, schools and universities to raise awareness and inspire audiences to take action on a variety of issues across the world.





HECKFIELD'S CULINARY DIRECTORS

Skye and Michael have designed bespoke menus for the Biennale, using seasonal ingredients prepared with minimal disruption to the natural world.



Skye Gyngell

Originally from Australia, Skye Gyngell is now one of Britain's most respected and acclaimed chefs. After initially training in Sydney and then Paris, Skye moved to London to work at The French House. From there, she worked with a number of high-profile private clients, as well as becoming the head chef at Petersham Nurseries and then, as executive chef, setting up the restaurant Spring, at Somerset House.

Skye joined Heckfield Place as Culinary
Director before its opening, and has been
instrumental in the Marle restaurant being
honoured with a prestigious Green Michelin
Star. Her signature style of dishes created
using local, fresh ingredients underpins all
that is served at Heckfield Place, with Skye
working closely with the Home Farm team
to serve produce grown on the estate.



Michael Chapman

Michael is the Executive Chef at Heckfield Place. With his exceptional culinary skills and unwavering passion for gastronomy, Michael Chapman has contributed to the Marle restaurant's reputation as a culinary destination of choice. Collaborating closely with Skye Gyngell, he has helped shape the restaurant's philosophy of using seasonal, organic, and locally sourced ingredients.





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