

LitHouses



*Literary Homes
and Museums
of Great Britain*

*in association with
BrittenPears Arts*

23rd Annual Conference

“Save The Date: Writers, Composers and ‘Centenary Fever’”

~ Friday 20th November 2026 ~

The Red House, Golf Lane, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 5PZ

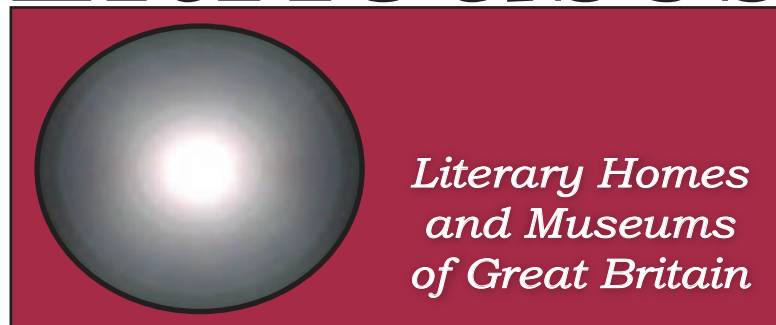
Programme:

- 10:30 **The Red House** - Registration & Coffee
- 11:00 The LitHouses Group - Update from Members - *4 minute updates of the successes and challenges of the year, including reference to thoughts & ideas on keeping your calendar fresh & engaging*
- 13:00 Lunch & Conversation
- 14:30 “Happy Returns? ~ Birthdays, Deathdays and the Culture of Commemoration”
Dr Lucy Walker - *Public Engagement Associate, Britten Pears Arts*
- 15:00 “Lives and Times ~ Telling the Britten and Pears Story”
Dr Christopher Hilton - *Head of Archive and Library, Britten Pears Arts*
- 15:40 Tour of The Red House and Archive
- 16:30 Tea & General Discussion
- 17:30 Finish
- 18:00 Coach/Drive to **Orford Church**
- 18:30 “A Christmas Miracle”
The world premiere of this once-in-a-generation new opera by Master of The King’s Music Errollyn Wallen, inspired by Britten’s unrealised community opera “A Christmas Sequence”
- 19:45 Finish
[Delegates are invited to join a LitHouses restaurant table booked for 20:00 at The King’s Head, Orford]

Saturday 21st November:

- 10:30 **Bottengoms** - Horkesley Road, Wormingford, Colchester, Essex CO6 3AP
Tour of a LitHouse in development, the cottage (exterior) & garden of Ronald Blythe
- 12:00 Finish

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Conference Registration & Annual Membership Form

The LitHouses Group is a networking and support group of British homes, museums, libraries and archives that are open to the public in dedication to the memory of writers and musicians.

Active members pay an annual (September-August) membership fee of £40, which covers the expenses of one delegate attending the annual conference in November, inclusion on the group's portal website and access to promotion on the group's Social Media platforms.

The group is non-profit, and houses and museums volunteer in rotation to host the annual conference (or the summer planning meeting).

Non-members and extra delegates are welcome at the annual conference for an individual fee of £40

NAME

EMAIL

REPRESENTING

(LitHouses - as per the definition above - become active members until August 2027)

REQUIRE A PERSONALISED INVOICE?

if yes, addressee and address

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ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE?

IF YES, WILL YOU JOIN THE EVENING PERFORMANCE AT ORFORD CHURCH (£20)?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A LITHOUSES RESTAURANT SUPPER ON FRIDAY EVENING?

WILL YOU JOIN THE VISIT TO BOTTENGOMS ON SATURDAY MORNING?

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU WILL TRAVEL TO ALDEBURGH - CAR, TRAIN, OTHER?

(this allows us to plan whether pick ups & transfers to & from Saxmundham Station & Orford Church may be helpful)

Please return one form per delegate and £40 per delegate (+ £20 if attending the evening performance) by Monday 5th October. Please make cheques payable to "The LitHouses Group" - or pay by BACS at HSBC, Stratford-on-Avon, a/c 61708368, s/c 40-43-19 (please use your LitHouse/Name as reference)

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