

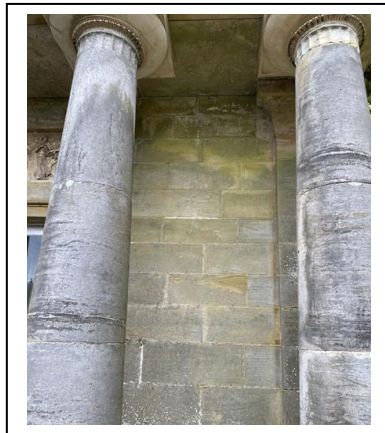
# Hammerwood Park - 25 September 2025



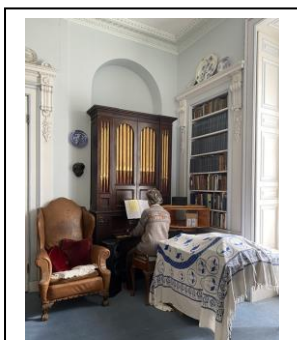
25 members arrived at Hammerwood Park to be greeted by a couple of friendly dogs, who accompanied us as we went round the building. The tour was mainly conducted by the owner, David Pinnegar, who talked with great passion about the history of the House and the Park. We were later joined by his wife, Anne-Noelle. The house, which is their home, is gradually being refurbished.



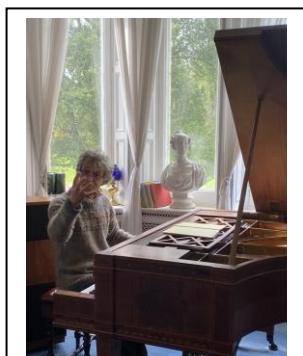
David started in the room containing a copy of the Elgin Marbles. None of us visitors have now any excuse to deny knowledge of the Greek Gods! This was followed by the outside of the house where he pointed out how the graduation of the stone blocks and the tapering pillars created an illusion of height.



The inside of the house contains an amazing collection of furniture and other objects accumulated over many years. This included a number of musical instruments (several pianos, harps) some of which David played for us.



One of the organs

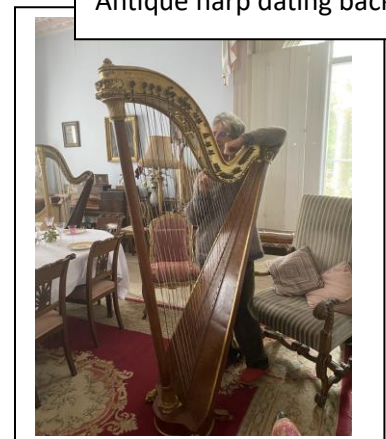


Classically tuned Grand

The Kakadu from Mali, an Islamic instrument



Antique harp dating back to 19<sup>th</sup>



David is a professional international piano tuner. The keyboard instruments at Hammerwood are all classically tuned, to permit a greater degree of musical expression.

The visit was rounded off with tea and delicious home-made cakes.