

Visit to Benton End and Munnings Museum

(Tuesday 11 June 2024, for £55 per person)



Departs 9 am from Simonds Depot, Oak Drive, Diss, IP22 4GX

Parking available, pay £1 at the Simonds Reception Desk

Group size is limited to 30 people, so book early to secure your place!

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Benton End

We are leaving Diss by coach, from the Simonds Depot in Diss, at 9 am, arriving at Benton End at about 10 am.

We will split into two groups for guided tours of the house and garden.

Benton End was the home of the East Anglian School of Painting and Drawing, run by Sir Cedric Morris and Arthur Lett Haines.

The visit includes morning coffee / tea and biscuits.

We will then leave Benton End at c.12.30 pm and make our way to lunch at the Dedham Centre Tea Rooms.

At 2 pm we take the coach for the short drive to the Munnings Museum. This is where Sir Alfred Munnings and his wife lived for the last 40 years of his life until his death in 1959.

We will have a brief introduction to the collections, the house and museum; you are then free to explore the house and gardens. Stewards will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Morris and Munnings did not see eye to eye, so it will be interesting to visit both houses. We have enjoyed talks on both artists recently, so this visit will add to our knowledge of these two famous Suffolk painters.

The coach will depart at about 4 pm to return to Diss.

Please note that Benton End house and garden is a work in progress, and restoration is taking place over a number of years.

There are many books and articles about Cedric Morris and his life, the most notable being: **Benton End Remembered: Cedric Morris, Arthur Lett-Haines and the East Anglian School of Painting and Drawing**, 2002, ed. Gwynneth Reynolds & Diana Grace, a beautiful book which is still in print.

Copy this link for the search for lost Cedric Morris irises:

<https://gardenmuseum.org.uk/sarah-cooks-search-for-cedric-morris-irises/>

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Wife, My Horse and Myself, Alfred Munnings