

Visit to Foresters Hall

Wednesday 14 May 2025, 2.30 - 4.00 pm.

52 High Street, Debenham, IP14 6QW



Here is a rare opportunity to visit an unusual building courtesy of 'Historic Houses' and Susan Owens, one of our recent Special Interest Day speakers,

Foresters Hall is not usually open to the public, but is opening to Historic Houses members on Wednesday 14 May for a private visit.

The HH has offered up to 20 places on this visit to Arts Society Diss members.

Foresters Hall was built in 1905 as a meeting place for the Ancient Order of Foresters. The pedimented façade brings a note of Edwardian grandeur to the High Street of this quiet Suffolk village.

In the 1980s it became an antiques emporium - and a setting for episodes of Lovejoy.

The building saw a number of changes of use until the present owners restored and re-configured it as their home and the setting for their collections. These range from 17th century furniture and tapestries through to pieces of Victorian gothic revival and the work of Aesthetic designers including Rosetti, William Morris and E W Godwin. Also on show are pictures, prints, drawings and books from the 16th to the 20th centuries.

It is now the home of writers and art historians Stephen Calloway and Susan Owens, both former curators at the Victoria & Albert Museum.



Cost: £28 per person which includes a glass of wine / soft drink and nibbles.

Here's how to book:

- Go to tickettailor.com/events/historichouses1 and scroll down the list of tours to Foresters Hall
- Click on **Buy Tickets** and on the new page click (again) on **Buy Tickets**
- A small window then appears – click on the text **Use ticket access code** for drop-down menu
- Enter the code *ArtsSociety* and click on **APPLY** - the reserved tickets will become available
- Enter number of tickets and click on **Next**.
- Where the Historic Houses membership number is requested on the checkout form enter *ArtsSociety*

Please book before Monday 10th March