

The Cholmondeley Family

The Cholmondeley Family have lived at Cholmondeley in Cheshire since 1200. The present Castle was built in the early 19th century by the 1st Marquess of Cholmondeley and has been home to three successive generations. The late Lavinia, Dowager Marchioness, wife of the late 6th Marquess, lived at Cholmondeley Castle until her death in November 2015. Her son David, the 7th Marquess, his wife the Marchioness and their family live at Houghton Hall in Norfolk, the Marquess dividing his time between Cheshire and Norfolk.

The Dowager spent the greater part of her life creating these magnificent gardens and whatever the season there are always plants and shrubs in flower from early bulbs through different types of Magnolia, Camellia, Azalea and Rhododendron, a very fine Davidia involucrata in the Glade and varieties of Cornus and specimen trees.

The magnificent and ornate white screen gates designed by Bakewell are a striking feature of the gardens.



The tranquil Lily pond situated below the Castle allows access to the Silver Garden and Castle Terrace with magnificent views across the Parkland area.

Tower Hill offers visitors the opportunity to make use of the woodland areas for a ramble (with or without your dog) otherwise they miss much of the interesting shrubs and trees under planted by many wild flowers and bulbs.



Our friendly Tea Room is uniquely situated in the very heart of the gardens, serving a range of specialist tea's, homemade cakes, light lunches, snugburys ice-cream and milk shakes, all freshly prepared

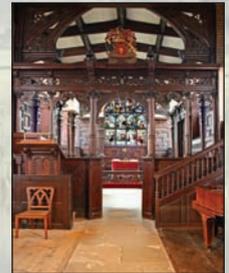


to order. Last orders 4.45pm. As a memento of your visit postcards and small gifts are also available.

A short walk from the ever popular Tea Room takes you to the paddocks where you will see varieties of farm animals, including sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, shetland ponies, and pigs.



St. Nicholas Family Chapel is situated in the Park accessed either by car or on foot and is well worth a visit to admire its stained glass altar window, ornate panelling and peaceful atmosphere.



The Award Winning Cholmondeley Castle Farm Shop is situated near the Castle Gardens exit and offers superb locally produced food and everyday essentials.



Post Office counter service also available.

Children will enjoy the open spaces, hidden paths and play areas, and children's adventure Den located near the Tea Room.



The Cholmondeley Arms is a beautiful country Pub adjacent to Cholmondeley Park serving freshly prepared food all day every day, locally sourced cask ales on tap and nearly 200 different gins. Accommodation available. Visit www.cholmondeleyarms.co.uk or tel. 01829 720300.



Visitors enter by the Deer Park Mere, home to many different waterfowl and freshwater fish. Those who take advantage of the picnic site and children's play area can walk around the lake and enjoy splendid views of the Castle which stands dramatically on the Hill.

A gravel path leads visitors from the Rose Garden and herbaceous borders through a Gatehouse into the delightful Temple Garden. This garden is enclosed by fine specimen trees and many varieties of shrubs, changing dramatically with the seasons.



The beautiful mosaic by Maggy Howarth is sited at the apex of three beds containing varieties of grass plants. Maggy was asked by The Dowager Marchioness to design this memorial to her late

husband, reflecting certain aspects of his life. Look closely at the cobblestones and see how many different things you can spot.

The Duckery has recently been restored, rockery cascades have been uncovered and brought back to life, and on a knoll behind the lake a Gothic "ruin" stands constructed out of local red sandstone. A birch-edged perimeter hard path allows access, particularly for the less mobile.



Visit www.cholmondeleycastle.com

Special Events 2016

★ Friends of Cholmondeley Ticket not valid for entry to this Event:

FEBRUARY

Sunday 28th February - "Blooming Winter"

MARCH

Sunday 6th March - "Blooming Winter"

Good Friday 25th March - Gardens Officially open to the public

Easter Sunday 27th March - Family Easter Egg Hunt

(Easter eggs and clue sheets available whilst stocks last)

APRIL

Wednesday 6th April - Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30

Sunday 10th April - Plant Hunters Fair www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk £3.50 entry

MAY

THE MONTH OF MAY - RHS MEMBERS ALLOWED FREE ACCESS TO THE GARDENS

Thursday 12th May - National Garden Scheme Open for Charity 11.00 to 4.30

Sunday 22nd May - Professor Humo's Punch & Judy

Two half hour performances 1.00 and 3.00 at the Tea Room

JUNE

Wednesday 1st June - Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30

8th - 12th June GARDENS CLOSED EVENT PREPARATION AND EVENT

★ 10th, 11th & 12th June - Cholmondeley Power & Speed Festival

For further details visit www.cpop.co.uk or telephone 01829 772432

Wednesday 15th June - Wildflower & Orchid Walk 1.00 to 2.30

Sunday 26th June - Triathlon at Cholmondeley Park

visit www.castletriathlonseries.co.uk or telephone 01892 870681

JULY

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August - Weatherbys Cholmondeley Castle

Horse Trials info@musketeer.co.uk or tel. 01485 210070

AUGUST

ADDITIONAL OPENINGS FRIDAYS DURING AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd August - Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30

Wednesday 14th August - Teddy Bears Picnic with Professor Humo

proceeds to Wingate Centre, Wrenbury see website for details.

Friday 19th to Tuesday 23rd August - Pony Club Championship

contact info@musketeer.co.uk or telephone 01485 210070

Wednesday 24th August - Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30

Monday 29th August - Jazz in the Gardens 12.00 to 4.00

SEPTEMBER

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER - RHS MEMBERS ALLOWED FREE ACCESS TO THE GARDENS

Sunday 11th September - Gardens closed to the public

★ Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September - Tough Mudder -

for more information visit www.toughmudder.co.uk

OCTOBER (OPEN SUNDAYS ONLY)

Sunday 2nd October - Autumn Tints

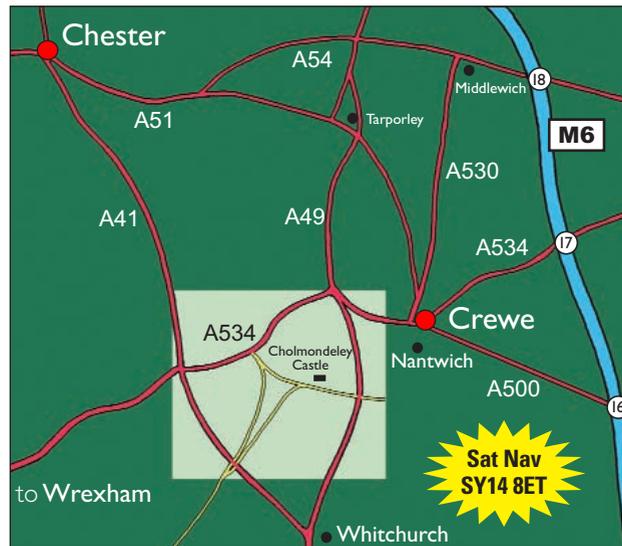
Sunday 9th October - Autumn Tints

Sunday 16th October - Autumn Tints

Sunday 23rd October - Autumn Tints

Sunday 30th October - Pumpkin & Autumn Festival (Gardens close at 4.00)

For further details on all events and to check for amendments please visit : www.cholmondeleycastle.com



Located off the A49 Whitchurch Tarporley Road, conveniently near Chester, Northwich, Nantwich and Wrexham. (Railway stations at Chester, Crewe, Nantwich and Whitchurch)

Opening Times 2016

Good Friday 25th March – Sunday 29th September 2016, Wednesdays, Thursday, Sundays and Bank Holidays and Fridays throughout August. 11.00am to 5.00pm (last entry 4.30pm).

Open for Autumn Tints 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th October.

Please see website for amendments to opening dates and times
(Castle open for groups only, by pre-arrangement on limited days)

Admission Charges:

Adults £7 Children £4 (under 5's free) (reduction for groups of 25 and over)

Why not become a "Friend" of Cholmondeley ask at gate or refer to website for details

Disabled Access

Some areas of the gardens are unsuitable for wheelchairs, scooters and other mobility aids (we have provided a signed wheelchair route through the Temple Garden).

DOGS ALLOWED ON LEADS

Caution should be taken around the grounds owing to differential and irregular ground levels, with sensible footwear being required at all times as pathways may become slippery. Please note there are water hazards within the grounds and parental supervision is required at all times.

For Further Information:

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Spectacular Events
from March to October

