



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 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, and his family live at Houghton Hall in Norfolk and divide their time between Norfolk and Cheshire.

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 involucreta in the Glade and varieties of Cornus and specimen trees.

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 path leads from the Rose Garden and herbaceous borders through a sandstone Gatehouse into the delightful Temple Garden. With its small lake and two islands the garden is enclosed by fine specimen trees and many varieties of shrubs which change dramatically with the seasons.



The Folly Garden has recently been extended, with new woodland borders. A feature of the garden is the Gothic "ruin", constructed out of local red sandstone.

"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 the opportunity for woodland rambles amongst interesting shrubs and trees under planted with many wild flowers and bulbs.



Our Tea Room is situated in the very heart of the gardens, serving a range of specialist teas, homemade cakes, light lunches, Snugbury's ice-cream and milk shakes, all freshly prepared to order. Last orders 4.45pm.



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.

Children will enjoy the open spaces, hidden paths and play areas and the Adventure Den located near the Tea Room.



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

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.





Special Events 2017

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

APRIL

Sunday 2nd April - Gardens officially open to the public

Wednesday 12th April - Spring Walk and Talk 1.00 to 2.30

Good Friday 14th April - Gardens Open to the Public

Easter Sunday 16th April - Family Easter Egg Hunt

(Easter eggs and clue sheets available whilst stocks last)

Easter Monday 17th April - Gardens Open

Wednesday 19th April Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30 (pre-booking essential)

MAY

THE MONTH OF MAY - RHS MEMBERS ALLOWED FREE ACCESS TO THE GARDENS (EXC. PLANT HUNTERS FAIR 21ST MAY) GARDENS CLOSED THURSDAY 18TH MAY

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May - Gardens Open to the Public

Thursday 11th May - National Garden Scheme Open for Charity 11.00 to 4.30

Sunday 14th May - Professor Humo's Punch & Judy Two half hour performances 1.00 and 3.00 at the Tea Room

Thursday 18th May - Gardens Closed

Sunday 21st May - Plant Hunters Fair www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk £3.50 entry Gates open at 10.00

Wednesday 24th May - Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30 (pre-booking essential)

Bank Holiday Monday 29th May - Jazz in the Gardens 12.00 to 4.00

(at the Tea Room).

JUNE

Wednesday 14th June - Wildflower & Orchid Talk 1.00 to 2.30

Sunday 25th June - Triathlon at Cholmondeley Park

visit www.castletriathlonseries.co.uk or telephone 01892 870681 (Gardens open as usual 11.00 to 4.30)

JULY

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July - Cholmondeley Castle Horse Trials

visit info@musketeer.co.uk or tel. 01485 210070 or visit www.cholmondeleycastle.co.uk

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd August - Summer Walk & Talks at 1.00 and 2.30

Sunday 13th August - Teddy Bears Picnic with Professor Humo's Punch & Judy. Proceeds to Wingate Centre Wrenbury see website for details

Sunday 13th August - Professor Humo's Punch & Judy

Two half hour performances 1.00 and 3.00 at the Tea Room

Friday 18th to Tuesday 22nd August - Berkeley Group Pony Club

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

Wednesday 23rd August - Kids Gardening Club 1.00 to 2.30 (pre-booking essential)

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August - Jazz in the Gardens 12.00 to 4.00

(at the Tea Room)

SEPTEMBER

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER RHS MEMBERS ALLOWED FREE ACCESS TO THE GARDENS (EXC. CLASSIC CAR RALLY 3RD SEPTEMBER)

★ **Sunday 3rd September** - Classic Car Rally www.classicsshowsof.org (see website for entry times and prices entry to gardens at event price)

Sunday 10th September - Gardens Closed to the Public

★ **Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September** - Tough Mudder

for more information visit www.toughmudder.co.uk

OCTOBER (OPEN SUNDAYS ONLY)

Sunday 1st October - Autumn Tints

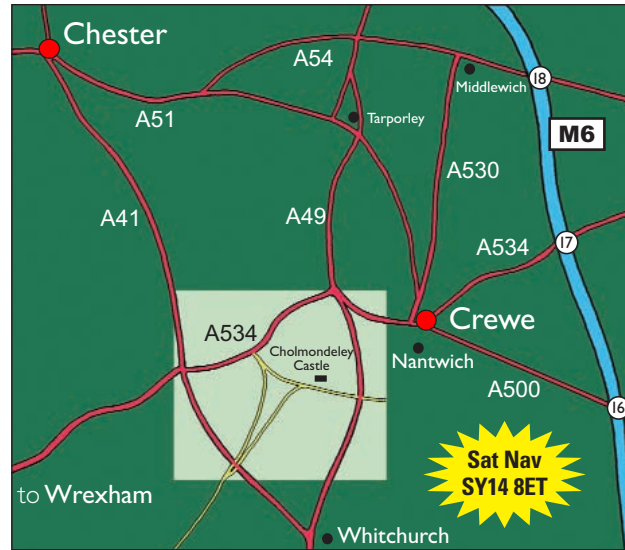
Sunday 8th October - Autumn Tints - Walk & Talk 1.00 to 2.30

Sunday 15th October - Autumn Tints

Sunday 22nd October - Autumn Tints

Sunday 29th October - Autumn Festival (Last entry 4.00)

For further details on all events and to check for amendments to opening days 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 2017

Sunday 2nd April – Thursday 28th September 2017

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
11.00am to 5.00pm (last entry 4.30pm).

OPEN FOR AUTUMN TINTS, 1st 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th October.

Please see website for amendments to opening dates and times

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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