

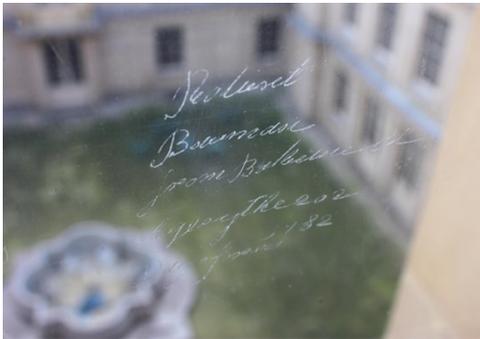
Programme of Events 2018-2019

6pm, Thursday 31st January 2019

The Hidden Side of Chatsworth

Janet Bitten, Head Housekeeper will let you into some of the secrets of Chatsworth. She will take you down into the cellars to see the Elizabethan foundations of the original house and will show you graffiti left by staff from previous generations, going back as far as the 17th century and show you evidence of the 1st Duke's indecision when building the Great Stairs.

She will give you a close up view of some 18th century mechanical furniture concealing hidden drawers and compartments meant for secrets and gambling and you'll also sneak down a hidden staircase coming out through a hidden door in a surprising location!



6.30pm Wednesday 20th March 2019

VIP Exhibition Launch Party

VIP launch party for "The Dog: A Celebration at Chatsworth". From the 23rd March to the 6th October 2019 we will hold a major exhibition celebrating the dog.

Conceived by the Duchess the exhibition will explore the rich history of the dog in art featuring many works from the Devonshire Collection along with significant loans from public and private collections.



6pm, Thursday 2nd May 2019

Treasures of the Devonshire Collection

Kate Brindley, Director of Collections and Exhibitions will welcome you into the Library and give you an overview of the Collection and her team's role at Chatsworth. She will let you get up close to some of the incredible treasures of the Collection and talk you through their provenance and significance.

Fran Baker, our archivist and librarian will then take you on a journey below stairs to hear some lesser-known Chatsworth stories as told through correspondence, diaries and other archival documents.



6pm Tuesday 16th July 2019

A Garden Journey

Steve Porter, Head of Gardens and Domain will share his insight on the development and evolution of the garden as well as surrounding wood and parkland, over the last 500 years.

We will look around some of the historic and modern glasshouses, where fruit, flowers and plants are still produced for the house and visit the kitchen garden, created at the end of the 20th century to produce a wide range of fruit, vegetables, herbs and cut flower.

We will then take in areas of the garden currently being enhanced by the 12th Duke and Duchess, notable garden and landscape designers of today and the garden team.

