

We are most grateful to the Earl and Countess Bathurst for allowing us to hold our annual summer reception at Cirencester Park.

Cirencester Park Mansion is one of the most beautiful of country houses, situated in outstanding parkland yet adjacent to the centre of Cirencester.

The Mansion, built on the site of an earlier Tudor-Jacobean house, dates from the early eighteenth century, and was later modified in the classic Regency style. The east of the Mansion fronts onto a 40-foot-high yew hedge, the largest in the world.

Countess Bathurst has kindly offered to take parties on a guided tour of the house's public rooms, with their many pictures and artefacts reflective of the part the Bathurst family has played in our nation's history, including Thomas Lawrence's famous portrait of the Duke of Wellington riding Copenhagen at Waterloo.

There will also be an opportunity for Friends to enjoy refreshments and canapés in the house and gardens.

The house is situated off Park Lane, Cirencester, and access on foot is via the Estate Office yard. Limited Blue Badge parking is available in the yard. Other parking is available a short walk away at The Old Station, the Leisure Centre and Sheep Street (all free in the evening), or on-street, as availability and regulations allow.

