

## U3A Architecture Group Visit to Bedales School, Nr Petersfield – April 2024

Around 20 of us enjoyed a fascinating visit to Bedales School on 9th April under the expert eye of group member Jane Kirby - ex pupil (including Head Girl), Librarian and now Honorary Archivist. We were treated to an account of how the school initially developed



and an insider view on school life. We had the privilege of gaining access to the restored Lupton Hall and adjoining Memorial Library with its rich timber frame interior. Both buildings were designed by Ernest Gimson and are Grade 1 listed.



For those that had the time and were willing to brave the chilly day we had the opportunity to explore some of the more contemporary buildings mainly from the outside, including the 2016 Art & Design Block (Feilden Clegg Bradley Architects), the Orchard Building (classrooms and admin: Walters & Cohen),

some of the timber frame buildings constructed by students and the Olivier Theatre (also Feilden Clegg).



Visits are organised outside the main programme and are dependant on finding a suitable place, accessibility and the willingness of a group member to undertake the necessary preparation and organisation.

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