



VISIT: Saturday October 8th 2011

From 10.30 am to 1.00pm

### ***Hadlow Tower with Rena Pitsilli-Graham***

The history of Hadlow Tower, a Gothic Revival folly dating from 1838, the long battle to save it, and the current project to repair the building and sustain its future by adapting it for use as a holiday home for the Vivat Trust, was the subject of Rena's talk to ASCHB in September 2010 and a subsequent article in *Transactions* Volume 33, pp 47-57.

This visit will give members an opportunity to see work in progress on the Tower in the initial stages of the project and to view the samples of wall render trials and precast Roman cement elements. There are two options for the visit:

1. for the fit and intrepid, a climb up the 19 lifts of scaffolding via external Haki staircase to the top of the tower to see (the view and) surviving precast traceried parapets, at the transition between the main tower and the base of the lantern (added 4 years later), and a guided walk down looking at surviving elements of Roman cement construction such as cornices, run mouldings, renders, lime wash, precast applied decoration such as spirelets and precast traceried windows etc
2. for the rest of us, a gentle climb and look round the lower levels of the Tower via the internal stone spiral staircase, with the possibility of a short presentation on the project by Paul Sharrock

Both groups will be able to view the trial Roman cement render and precast samples at ground level.

Our guides will include Rena's colleagues at Thomas Ford & Partners, Paul Sharrock and Karen Butti, and Tony Penn the site agent from main contractor Mansells

Suggested venue for lunch afterwards, The Harrow, in Hadlow village:

[www.harrowhadlow.co.uk](http://www.harrowhadlow.co.uk)

Links

[www.vivat-trust.org/](http://www.vivat-trust.org/)

[http://www.donhead.com/journal\\_architectural\\_conservation/jac\\_13\\_1.htm](http://www.donhead.com/journal_architectural_conservation/jac_13_1.htm)

Meet at:

Hadlow Tower, Hadlow, TN11 0EG at 10.30 am

Or Tonbridge Station at 10.15 am

There is no charge to ASCHB members Non-members are asked to make a minimum donation of £5.00 To reserve a place on this visit please email [penny.evans@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:penny.evans@blueyonder.co.uk)

Further details re parking, lifts from the station, and other arrangements will be emailed to those who have booked a place