

Sunday 23 August

Celebration Series of Open Gardens No. 3

OLD ALRESFORD HOUSE, ALRESFORD

By kind permission of Mike Hall

Chairman of the Hampshire Gardens Trust

Cost: £5.00 Members: £6.00 Non-members

Children under 14 free

Organisers: Mike Hall: 07785 244847

Trevor Gibson: 01962 881487

The grounds of this historic house, designed by Richard Woods, will be open to families from 11.30 am to 4.00 pm. History is turned aside today as the grounds will be a fun place for your children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Please bring a picnic and come and enjoy yourselves.

Thursday 3 September

Autumn Lecture 1 by Kim Wilkie

RECENT WORK, INCLUDING BOUGHTON PARK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Venue: School, Winchester College

By kind permission of the Headmaster, Dr. Ralph Townsend, MA D.Phil

Cost: £10 Members £12 Non-members

Organiser: Roger Brown 01962 881955

Kim Wilkie is well known to the Trust and a great supporter. He is landscape architect to the Hyde Abbey Garden and internationally known for his work throughout the world. As a Wykehamist it is most fitting that his talk will be held at School, the 17th century Wren-style building that is part of Winchester College. Kim's illustrated talk will be on his recent work in this country, with particular reference to Boughton Park, Northamptonshire, the seat of the Duke of Buccleuch.

The entrance to Winchester College is in College Street which lies immediately behind the Cathedral Close. The college porter will direct attendees across the college to School.

Programme

6.45 pm Arrival and a glass of wine

7.15 pm Talk
8.30 pm Depart

Sunday 13 September

Celebration Series of Open Gardens No 4

A FAMILY DAY BY THE SOLENT AT CADLAND

By kind invitation of Gilly, Aldred and Fee Drummond

Cost £5.00 members £6.00 Non-members
 Children under 14 free

Organiser: Margaret Prout, 01329 280455

Entrance strictly by ticket only – please apply by 4th September

Enjoy a late summer afternoon in Capability Brown's smallest surviving pleasure grounds near Calshot, overlooking the Isle of Wight. Restoration of Brown's work to the original plan began in 1983, somewhat interrupted by the great gales of 1987 and 1990/1, when a huge number of mature trees were lost. Today you can envisage Capability Brown's pleasure grounds, clumps, views and vistas, and see two walled gardens and greenhouses. Enjoy tours of the garden, croquet, children's quiz and a raffle.

The adventurous may like to paddle or swim off the shingle beach – please bring your own swimsuits and towels.

Programme

Arrival 2 pm – 2.30 pm

Or 1.00 pm for those who bring their own picnics and rugs or chairs to sit on.

Refreshments available to purchase.

Depart 5.00 pm.

Wednesday 16 September

Please note change of date

DAY VISIT BY COACH TO THE ROOF GARDENS AT KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

Cost: £27 Members £30 Non-members

Organiser: Joan Wilson 01256 467478

The Roof Gardens at Kensington High Street are on top of the building still known affectionately as 'Derry & Toms'. From April this year, the gardens have undergone a serious facelift and now have a brand new look. The one and a half acre area is divided into three gardens; the Spanish Garden with its Court of Fountains based on the Alhambra in Spain; the Tudor Garden and Walkway with herringbone brickwork and the English Woodland Garden which comes complete with Bill, Ben, Splosh and Pecks, the resident flamingos. Amazingly there are over 70 trees, many with preservation orders, even though the average depth of the soil is only 18 inches. The well-stocked stream flowing through the garden is home to fish, ducks and wildlife. David Lewis, head gardener, will give us a talk, introducing us to the garden and we will then take ourselves around.

Please be aware that there is a slight chance that for commercial reasons The Roof Garden might have to cancel our visit. If this happens we will visit Holland Park Gardens.

Chelsea Physic Garden, founded by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1673 is London's oldest surviving botanic garden and was created to promote the study of useful plants. This beautiful and tranquil garden, hidden from the rush of London behind high walls continues to be dedicated to promoting education, conservation and scientific research. It is laid out in formal design, which is broken by trees, including an ancient yew and the famous olive tree. The Garden's expert guides will give us a tour explaining not only the history but also an insight into the many uses of the rare and tender plants to be found there.

Practicalities

There are toilet facilities at the Roof Garden but no opportunity for refreshment and members are advised to bring their own water, coffee flask etc. At Chelsea you will be able to have your own picnic lunch in the garden or lunch in the garden café.

This visit is restricted to 40.

Programme

- 8.15 am Depart Wallington Village Hall, Broadcut, Fareham
- 8.45 am Depart Winchester, M3, St Catherine's Bar End Park and Ride
- 9.15 am Depart Hook Railway Station (M3 J5)
- 11.00 am Arrive Kensington
- 12.15 pm Depart for Chelsea
- 12.30pm Arrive Chelsea Physic Garden for lunch (either picnic or café)
- 2.00 pm Guided tour of Gardens
- 4.00 pm Depart Chelsea

- 5.30 pm Arrive Hook Railway Station
6.00 pm Arrive Winchester, M3 St Catherine's Bar End Park and Ride
6.30 pm Wallington Village Hall, Fareham

Friday 9 October

Autumn Lecture 2 by Adrian Fisher

MAZES

Venue: The Garrett Room, Sir George Staunton Country Park, Leigh Park, Havant.

By kind permission of Hampshire County Council.

Cost: £12 members £14 Non-members

Organiser: Shirley Hooley 01425 652434

Adrian Fisher is considered to be the world's leading maze designer and is an authority on the subject. Named by *The Guardian* newspaper in 2007 as one of Britain's top 50 designers, he has designed half the world's mirror mazes since 1990, in addition to the world's first corn maze and more than 500 mazes in 30 countries. His highly creative design services range from mazes and puzzles, landscape and garden design, entertaining and educational experiences, to public art and community renewal. He devised a new Bus Map concept for London Transport, has set six Guinness World Records and is an international gold medallist in garden design. His 'Navigati' puzzle appears every day in the Daily Mail, and 'Mandali' features weekly in the Radio Times.

Be sure to arrive early so you can visit the structure of the Gothic Library which is the only remaining part of Sir George Staunton's Regency Manor. Also the recently restored Victorian Walled Garden with its Tropical Glasshouses along with its puzzle garden and The Maze designed by Adrian Fisher which was planted in 2002 for The Queen's Golden Jubilee. Do come and join us for what will be a highly entertaining and amazing afternoon.

Practicalities

Due to room size, we are restricted to 40.

Programme

- 1.30 pm Arrival – visit garden
2.00 pm Talk
3.15 pm Tea
4.15 – 4.30 pm Depart

Saturday 28 November

Please note change of date

CHRISTMAS TEA AND TALK

Venue: Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton, Nr Winchester

Cost: £7.00 Members

Organiser: Trevor Gibson 01962 881487

Do come and join us in a sociable afternoon to close our anniversary year. Our guest speaker will be Charles Flower. After the destruction of the countryside in the 1970s and 1980s Charles pioneered practical methods of wild flower restoration on his farm in Wiltshire proving that it is possible to create new meadows, woods, hedges and ponds and successfully re-establish wild flowers in the countryside and in our gardens. His book *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* recounts the part he has played in this restoration – thus ensuring the return of wildlife to numerous gardens, farms and estates. This beautifully illustrated book, which was reviewed in the first edition of our Hampshire Gardens Trust magazine, will be available for sale.

We will also have an exhibition of original botanical prints and cards and these are available for sale.

A photographic display of the events we have held this year will be on display – see if you can spot yourself in any of them!

Programme

- 2.00 pm Mulled wine on arrival
- 2.30 pm Illustrated talk by Charles Flower
- 3.45 pm Tea
- 4.15 pm Raffle
- 4.30 pm Depart