

## Cotswold Group Cottage Garden Society April 2023



### Meetings:

Many of us lost plants this winter. We have 2 practical sessions lined up which may help address any shortages!

#### **David Cropp – New Plants from Old**

#### **A Practical Demonstration of Dividing and Potting On (and offspring available after demo!)**

A thought-provoking and entertaining speaker, David's career has included teaching, writing and being a RHS-trained gardener.

There will be free seeds from the CGS available and members' plants for sale.

**4pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April** in the Sudeley Room, Abbeyfields Community Centre, Back Lane, Winchcombe GL54 5QJ

£3 members / £5 visitors, including refreshments.

#### **Seed Saving – a “How To” session with local seed savers and an introduction to the CGS Seed Swap.**

Free seeds available and plants for sale.

**4pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** in the Sudeley Room, Abbeyfields Community Centre, Back Lane, Winchcombe GL54 5QJ

£1 members; £2 visitors, including refreshments.

**Winchcombe Gardening Club Talks** (also at Abbeyfields Community Centre):

**19<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Ray Sturdy "The Rise and Fall of Witley Court"**. Visitors £1  
Now a ruined Italianate mansion following a disastrous fire, Witley was built for the Foleys in the seventeenth century on the site of a former manor house, and was then greatly expanded in the nineteenth century by architect John Nash for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Foley. English Heritage has restored some of the elaborate gardens, including an amazing fountain.

**17<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Kevin Alviti "Unusual Fruit and Veg"**. Visitors £1  
Kevin lives with his family on a five acre smallholding in south Herefordshire. A carpenter and craftsman, Kevin has been practising self-sufficiency for over ten years, keeping hens and ducks and coppicing hazel and willow. He grows seventy five varieties of apple, both freestanding and cordon and has fifty-two vegetable beds!

**Cotswold CGS Group Garden Visit:**

**Vanessa Berridge**, the National Garden Scheme's County Organiser, talked to us in March on the NGS and its gardens in Gloucestershire. Now you can join a private visit to Vanessa's own garden, **The Gate, North St, Winchcombe on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 3pm** £9 including tea and cake.

The Gate is a small, walled cottage garden in the centre of Winchcombe, full of tulips, and with a separate fruit and veg garden.

**Other CGS Group Visits Coming Soon:**

**Keens Cottage, Lower Chedworth - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June 3PM £15 per head for a private tour & refreshments**

This is a small tranquil cottage garden nestled on the side of a peaceful valley. Home to Garden Designer Sue Bradbury, it features topiary, a rose arch walk, dividing formal garden from the orchard, which is home to chickens, with spring flowering bulbs and wildflowers. The garden is a haven for wildlife and pollinators. A fernery is planted around the facade of a bothy and Scottish stone recreated from Sue's 'Highland Retreat' award-winning design at RHS Chelsea 2006.

<https://www.bradburydesigns.co.uk/>

**Cobblers Cottage** next door will also be included.

**Westaway, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June 3.00 pm £5 including tea and cake**

This is a hillside garden of 1 ½ acres, with spectacular views. It has mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, an orchard, small arboretum, and wildflower areas.

***Please book your place with Natalie so we can confirm numbers in advance with the garden owner. Email: [natalie@lestones.plus.com](mailto:natalie@lestones.plus.com) or telephone 01242 602384.***

**Do you know Stroud's Museum in the Park and its walled garden?**

If not, check out its website or drop in. It is open, free of charge, 10 – 4.30 Tuesday to Friday and 11 to 4.30 at weekends. <https://museuminthepark.org.uk/>

**On August 31st 1830 Edwin Beard Budding patented** "a new combination and application of machinery for the purpose of cropping or shearing the vegetable surface of lawns, grass-plats and pleasure grounds". This was **the world's first lawnmower** – invented in Stroud, inspired by the machinery used to prepare cloth for billiard and snooker tables and military uniforms. Budding's patent drawings and his lawnmower are in the museum.

**Outside is the restored walled garden** maintained by volunteers and a resource for exhibitions and meetings with its Garden Pavilion.

**From 1<sup>st</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> April there you can see the 'Within the Walls' exhibition:** New work from Stroud Ceramic Artists (SCA) made in response to the walled garden. The artists spent time in the garden over many months; researching, sketching and making. This exhibition of ceramic sculpture, image and text reflects all aspects of the garden.

**There are occasional talks too:**

**On 5th April 'Too Many Plants, Too Little Space' - Talk with Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers.**

Join Bob Brown, the founder of Cotswold Garden Flowers, for inspiring insights and gardening tips. Not shy of sharing his opinions, Bob is an entertaining and extremely knowledgeable speaker

Tickets £12.50 (£10 concessions). Book online or call 01453 763394

**Bob opens his nursery for the NGS too – next opening Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 11 – 5. £5 Adult; child free. Light refreshments.**

*Cotswold Garden Flowers, Sands Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 7EZ*

### **Gloucestershire NGS Open Gardens in April:**

**Weir Cottage**, Weir Lane, and **6 Green Lane, Marshfield**, Gloucestershire, SN14 8NB

**Weir Cottage** has a south-facing garden of ¼ acre on limestone. High stone walls to the north protect against Marshfield weather. Garden at its best in early spring with daffodils and primroses.

**6 Green Lane** has traditional borders that merge with open countryside; extensive fields planted with native trees, mostly deciduous. Designed to attract wildlife.

**Two guided walks: Sat 1st April** Around the outskirts of the village, led by Cotswold Wardens. **Sun 2nd April** History walk in the village. Both walks meet 10am in Market Place

**Gardens open 11-3** £5 adult; child free. (Fee gets you into both gardens) Home-made teas at Weir Cottage.

**South Lodge**, Church Road, Clearwell, Coleford, Glos GL16 8LG

Peaceful country garden in 2 acres with stunning views of surrounding countryside. High walls provide a backdrop for rambling roses, clematis, and honeysuckles.

Organic garden with large variety of perennials, annuals, shrubs and specimen trees with year-round colour. Vegetable garden, wildlife and formal ponds. Rustic pergola planted with English climbing roses and willow arbour in gravel garden.

**1<sup>st</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 1 – 5** £4.50 Adult; child free. Home-made teas.

**Home Farm**, Newent Lane, Huntley, Gloucestershire, GL19 3HQ

Set in elevated position with exceptional views. 1m walk through woods and fields to show carpets of spring flowers. Enclosed garden with fern border, sundial and heather bed. White and mixed shrub borders.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 11- 4** Adult £4; child free.

**Highnam Court**, Highnam, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 8DP

40 acres of Victorian landscaped gardens surrounding magnificent Grade I house (not open), set out by artist Thomas Gambier Parry. Lakes, shrubberies and listed Pulhamite water gardens with grottos and fernery. Exciting ornamental lakes, and woodland areas. Extensive 1 acre rose garden and many features, inc numerous wood carvings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 11 – 4.30** Adult £5; child free. Light refreshments.

**Kemble House**, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6AD

A landscaped garden with many tall lime trees. Herbaceous borders line the lawns. The main one in front of the house is a grass tennis court that was laid in the 1880s. There is a walled garden with many fruit trees and two rose gardens. Two paddocks surround the property with Hebridean sheep

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2 – 5** Adults £5; child free.

**Brockworth Court**, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucestershire, GL3 4QU

This intense yet informal tapestry style garden beautifully complements the period manor house which it surrounds. Organic, naturalistic, with informal cottage-style planting areas that seamlessly blend together. Natural fish pond, with Monet bridge leading to small island with thatched Fiji house. Kitchen garden once cultivated by monks. Views to Crickley and Coopers Hill.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2 – 6** £6 Adult; child free. Home-made teas

**Trench Hill**, Sheepscombe, Gloucestershire, GL6 6TZ

Approx 3 acres set in small woodland with panoramic views. Variety of herbaceous and mixed borders, rose garden, extensive vegetable plots, wildflower areas, plantings of spring bulbs with thousands of snowdrops and hellebores, woodland walk, two small ponds, waterfall and larger conservation pond. Interesting wooden sculptures, many within the garden. Cultivated using organic principles.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 11-6** £5 Adult; child free. Home-made teas

**Kiftsgate Court**, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6LN

Magnificent situation and views, many unusual plants and shrubs, tree peonies, hydrangeas, abutilons, species and old-fashioned roses inc largest rose in England, Rosa filipes 'Kiftsgate'.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2 – 6** Adults £11; children £3.50. Home-made teas.

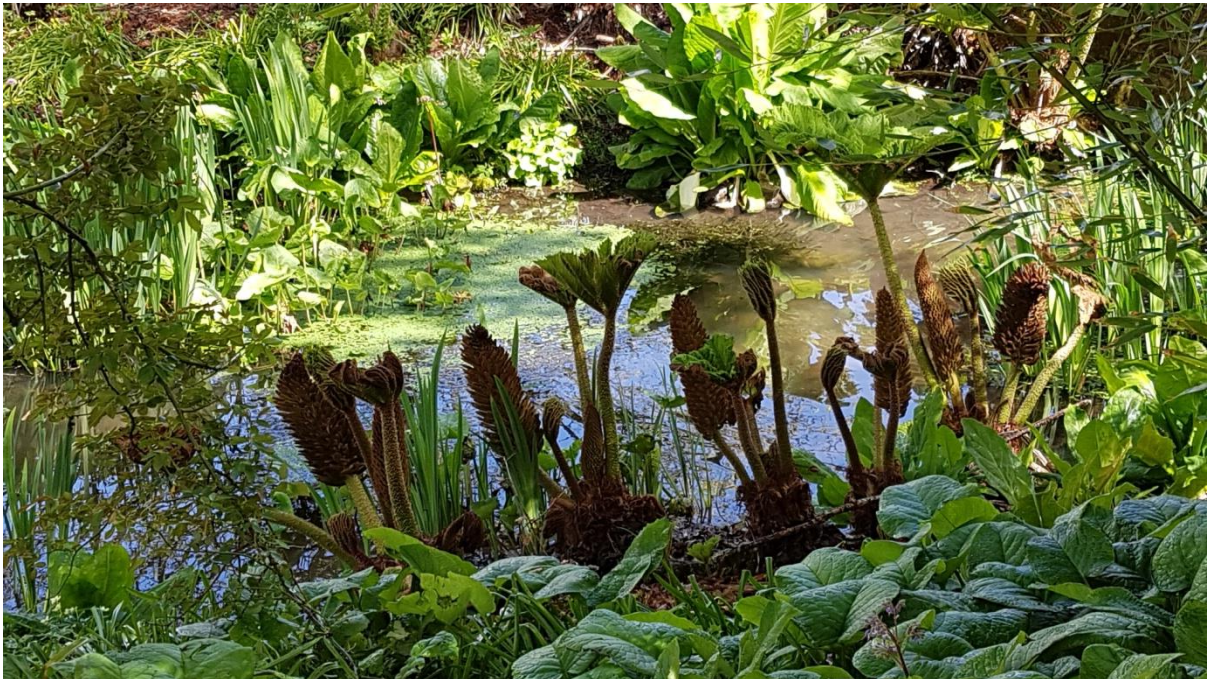
**Upton Wold**, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 9TR

One of the secret gardens of the Cotswolds, Upton Wold has commanding views, yew hedges, herbaceous walk, vegetable, pond and woodland gardens, and a labyrinth. An abundance of unusual and interesting plants, shrubs and trees. National Collections of juglans and pterocarya. (walnut family)  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 5** £15 Adult; child free. Home-made teas.

**Barnsley House**, Barnsley, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5EE  
The beautiful garden at Barnsley House, created by Rosemary Verey, is one of England's finest and most famous gardens inc knot garden, potager garden and mixed borders in her successional planting style. The house also has an extensive kitchen garden which will be open with plants and vegetables available for purchase.  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 3** £5 Adult; child free. Tea.

**Daylesford**, Daylesford, Gloucestershire, GL56 0YG  
Magnificent C18 landscape grounds originally created in 1790 for Warren Hastings. Lakeside and woodland walks within wildflower meadows. Large walled garden around orchid, peach and working glasshouses. Trellised rose garden. Collection of citrus within period orangery. Secret garden, pavilion, formal pools..  
**No photographs and no dogs except guide dogs.**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1 – 5** £6 Adult; child free. Home-made teas (cash only.)

**If you fancy venturing further afield, there is an interesting exhibition at the Garden Museum – ‘Private & Public: Finding the Modern British Garden’** with depictions of gardens and greenhouses, public parks and favoured plant specimens by artists including Charles Mahoney, Evelyn Dunbar, Eric Ravilious and Ithell Colquhoun. The exhibition runs until the 4<sup>th</sup> June. The museum is on Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7LB and is open daily .from 10 – 5



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