

COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY - COTSWOLD GROUP



NEXT PRACTICAL SESSION

Seed Saving – a “How To” session with local seed savers and an introduction to the Cottage Garden Society Seed Swap.

Free seeds available and plants for sale.

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

£1 members; £2 visitors, including refreshments.

SMALL GROUP GARDEN VISITS

Our May group visit was to 11 Hatherley Court Road in Cheltenham, adjacent to the park. This was their first opening before opening under the NGS scheme. Our group was met by the professional gardener who works there for 7 hours a week. She gave us an introductory talk, provided us with plans and plant information and let us wander or sit and gaze. One of the owners was also at hand to answer

questions - and to tempt the preserve-makers among us to return later in the year for their plentiful quince.

Described as an informal nature lover's garden within town, with herbaceous border, pond, wildflowers, and a silver birch copse, it feels like a natural oasis. The current owners are only the second to have this well-situated garden and have developed and changed the garden's layout and style over time, creating changes of level and new planting to highlight different aspects and vistas. There is a strong focus on working with nature, evident both in the choice of plants, the beehive and the ponds with their lively newts and frogs.

The visit was rounded off with excellent cake and tea or coffee!

OUR NEXT SMALL GROUP GARDEN VISITS

Friday 30th June 3.00 pm Westaway, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill GL52 3PU £5 including tea and cake.

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

11th July 2.30pm We have been invited to visit a garden in Gretton which has been accepted for NGS opening next year. We will get an advance view and will be able to give valuable feedback to the owner. Further details from Natalie in due course.

21st July 3pm Keens Cottage, Lower Chedworth GL54 4AN - £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.

Please book your places with Natalie so we can confirm numbers in advance with the garden owner. Email: natalie@lestones.plus.com or telephone 01242 602384.

Friends and visitors are welcome at all events.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE?

Unless you know the Gloucester area very well, you may be unaware of Alney Island. The Gloucestershire Local Access Forum, which advises the County Council on rights of way issues, explored it recently and described it as a hugely underused resource. Now is your chance to see some of its hidden botanical treasures:

FOLK TALK & WALK - THE WILD FLOWERS OF ALNEY ISLAND

16th June 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Talk at The Folk (The Folk of Gloucester Museum, Bishop Hooper House, 99-103 Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2PG)

10:30am

The Wild Flowers of Alney Island

The floodplain of the Severn is in full bloom in June with wild flower meadows just a few hundred yards from Gloucester cathedral. Juliet Bailey of the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society will talk about the flowers to be found, describing their ecology and folk uses, and a history of the Gloucestershire floodplains, putting this rare habitat in its national context.

Walk from The Folk - 11:45am

The Wild Flowers of Alney Island

An easy hour and a half walk taking in the Quay and Castle Meads where Juliet Bailey of the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society will show you the wild flowers of the floodplain. This walk follows on immediately from her talk, The Wild Flowers of Alney Island, but it is not necessary to have attended the talk.

For tickets go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gloucester-civic-trust/t-ojvojqg>

SOME LOCAL NGS GARDENS OPEN TO PUBLIC IN JUNE

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, woodland walk, two small ponds, waterfall and larger conservation pond. Interesting wooden sculptures, many within the garden. Cultivated using organic principles.

All Wednesdays throughout June 2pm – 6pm Adult £5; child free Home-made teas, usually inc. gluten & dairy free, in aid of charities..

Chase End, Tidenham Chase, Chepstow, Gloucestershire, NP16 7JN

A 4 acre, south-facing, sloping site overlooking the Severn, where soil and wildlife are nurtured with organic and no-dig methods. There are 3 acres of mature wildflower meadows, with orchards and a vineyard, and 1 acre of more formal garden with mature herbaceous borders, trees and shrubs (notably roses and echiums), 2 ponds with bog gardens, an area of prairie planting and a greenhouse.

Saturday 10th June 11- 5pm Adult £5; child free. Home-made teas.

South Lodge Church Road, Clearwell, Coleford, Gloucestershire, 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.

10th June 1 – 5 £4.50 Adult; child free
Home-made teas

Madams Eden's Hill, Upleadon, Newent, Gloucestershire, GL18 1EE

A 2 acre country woodland garden with far -reaching views. The garden is still developing with a variety of herbaceous and mixed borders and a small wildflower area with an abundance of common spotted orchids, small formal pond and vegetable patch. Many mature trees and areas left wild for nature.

Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th June 1pm – 6pm Adult £5; child free Home-made teas in aid of Friends of St Mary's Upleadon

Charlton Down House, Charlton Down, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8TZ

Extensive country house gardens in 180 acre equestrian estate. Formal terraces, perennial borders, walled topiary garden, enclosed cut flower garden and large glasshouse. Newly planted copse. Rescue animals. Ample parking.

Sunday 11th June 11am – 5pm Adult £7, child free. Home-made teas.

Blockley Gardens, Blockley, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 9DB

This popular historic hillside village has a great variety of high quality, well-stocked gardens - large and small, old and new. Blockley Brook, an attractive stream, which flows right through the village, graces some of the gardens; these inc gardens of former water mills, with millponds attached. From some gardens there are wonderful rural views. Children welcome, but close supervision is essential.

Sunday 11th June 2pm – 6pm Adult £8, child free. Home-made teas at St George's Hall.

Stanton Village Gardens, Stanton Near Broadway WR12 7NE

A selection of gardens open in this picturesque, unspoilt Cotswold village. Many houses border the street with long gardens hidden behind. Gardens vary, from those with colourful herbaceous borders, established trees, shrubs and vegetable gardens to tiny cottage gardens. Some also have attractive, natural water features fed by the stream which runs through the village.

Sunday 11th June 1pm – 6pm Adult £8, child free. Home-made teas in several gardens around the village.

Weir Reach, The Rudge, Maisemore, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 8HY

Country garden by River Severn. Approx 2 acres, half cultivated with herbaceous beds and mixed borders plus fruit and vegetable cages. Clematis and acers, stone ornaments, small sculptures, bonsai collection. Planted rockery with waterfall and stream connect 2 ponds. Large specimen koi pond borders patio. Meadow with specimen and fruit trees leading to river and country views.

Sunday 11th June 11am – 5pm Adult £5; child free. Home-made teas.

Oak House, Greenway Lane, Gretton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 5ER

A one acre secret garden divided into rooms. Gradually developed over the last 30 yrs. Many places to sit and enjoy the scent of honeysuckle, philadelphus and over 50 varieties of roses. Wildflower meadow, gazebo and summerhouse. Formal lily pond and small wildlife pond. Some quirky features. Owners say you may even see a fairy!

Wednesday 14th June and Saturday 17th June 11 – 4.30 Adult £5, child free. Home-made teas in aid of Gretton Village Association.

Wortley House, Wortley, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 7QP

A diverse garden of over 20 acres created during the last 30 yrs by the current owners. Inc a walled garden, pleached lime avenues, nut walk, potager, ponds, Italian garden, arbour, shrubberies and wildflower meadows. Strategically placed follies, urns and statues enhance extraordinary vistas throughout.

Tuesday 20th June MUST PRE-BOOK – see link on NGS website

Moor Wood, Woodmancote, Gloucestershire, GL7 7EB

2 acres of shrub, orchard and wildflower gardens in beautiful isolated valley setting. Holder of National Collection of Rambler Roses. June 20th to 30th is usually the best time for the roses.

Sunday 25th June 2pm – 6pm Adult £5, child free. Home-made teas.



Don't forget! Let us know of any topics you would like covered in our programme of talks or any gardens you would especially like to visit in a small group.