



GARDEN VISITS

for

2017



Welcome to our new look pamphlet featuring our visits for 2017. We have selected nine gardens that feature in the Somerset and Devon National Gardens Scheme yellow books that can only be visited by special arrangement. Details about the gardens are listed below which we hope will whet your appetite. In addition to the gardens one well known nursery is scheduled in our calendar.

To simplify things for this year we will be charging a fixed £7.00 per seat, per trip on the community bus. Any entrance fees to gardens will be on top of this. We hope this makes for an easier arrangement. We regret that the fixed charge is different to that previously advised but we understand that Somerset Council have now removed their subsidies on the community bus.

Higher Cherubeer. Dolton. Nr Winkleigh.

Tuesday 7th February 2017

£4 Admission

Home made teas available

1 ½ acres of country garden with gravel courtyard, raised beds alpine house, lawns and large herbaceous borders, shady woodland beds. Winter opening for national collection of cyclamen, hellebores and over 300 snowdrop varieties.



High Garden. Kenton. Exeter

Tuesday 7th March 2017

£4 Admission

Very interesting and wide ranging planting of trees, shrubs, climbers and perennials in a relaxed but controlled way in this 10 year old garden. Always something to enjoy including winter time.

The Plantsman nursery will be open.

Marwood Hill. Barnstaple

morning £5 Admission

Gorwell House. Barnstaple

afternoon £4 Admission

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Marwood Hill is a private garden of 20 acres with lakes and set in a small valley. Large collection of camellia and rhododendron and has featured in Rachel de Thames Great British Garden Revival. Head Gardener Nigel will provide an introductory talk on our arrival.

There are extensive refreshments available at Marwood Hill.

In the afternoon we visit Gorwell House. Created in 1978 this 4 acre garden overlooks the Taw estuary. The microclimate allows tender and rare plants to grow and thrive. Featured in several national gardening magazines.



Marwood Hill



Gorwell House

Hangeridge Farmhouse. Wellington. morning

Tuesday 2nd May 2017

£3 Admission

Tea and Biscuits.

Nynehead Court. Wellington.

Afternoon £ 6.50 Adm

1 acre informal garden offering views of the Blackdown and Quantocks hills. Magnificent hostas and heathers, cascading wisteria and roses. Relax with homemade refreshments admiring the views and birdsong. In the afternoon we visit Nynehead Court. We will receive a guided tour of the garden and included in the price you will be offered a cream tea. Nynehead Court Gardens are on English Heritage's list of gardens of historical interest . The garden was laid out during the



Victorian period. Amongst things you will see will be an ice house, pinetum and parterre. The guided tour will be from Head Gardener Justin Cole.

Kelways Nursery. Langport

Tuesday 6th June 2017
£2 Admission
The Potting Shed Cafe



Our visit starts with a fortyfive minute talk from Head Gardener Jim. Kelways has been a prominent name in British Horticulture since 1851 when it was established by James Kelway. It is famous for its peonies and irises. The Peony Valley is best seen in June.

The nursery will have on sale at special prices the plants returned from the 32 Chelsea Show gardens that they have supplied this year. So keep your eye open for a bargain.

Fursdon House Garden. Bickleigh.

**Tuesday 4th July 2017
£8.50 House and Garden
£5 Cream Tea**

Home to the same family for seven generations. Hillside setting with views over the countryside. Traditional and contemporary planting. Terraces of roses herbs and mixed perennials. Pond and woodland walks.

This visit includes a tour of the house by the owner Mrs Fursdon

**Elworthy Cottage Garden. Elworthy. Morning £3 Admission
Tea and biscuits £1.50 .
Tuesday 1st August 2017**

Morning visit to Elworthy Cottage Garden, located between Watchet and Wiveliscombe. One acre plantsman's garden in a tranquil setting. Planted to encourage birds bees and butterflies you will find a mix of scented plants clematis and unusual perennials. Elworthy Cottage are specialists in hardy geraniums.

**The Engine House. Waterrow
Venn Cross Railway. Waterrow £5 Admission [includes both]
Tea and cake £2.50
Tuesday 5th September 2017**



These two adjoining gardens cover four acres and are on the site of a former GWR goods yard on the line that ran between Taunton and Barnstaple. There are sweeping herbaceous borders, bog gardens and a hornbeam walkway. There are streams, ponds and woodland walks and railway paraphernalia to keep your interest.

The Regency House. Hemyock.

Tuesday 3rd October 2017

£ TBC Admission

This is a 5 acre plantsman's garden with many interesting and unusual plants. You can try identifying the plants or have a game of croquet. Walled vegetable and fruit garden. You will see Dexter's, Jacob sheep and horses. You are welcome to take a picnic



Most of the gardens we will be visiting will have a selection of plants on sale at attractive prices.

If you would like to book a seat for any of the trips please speak or email Jenny Boyce in the first instance.

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