

SEPT 27th Thursday 9:00 am Coach

SNOWHILL MANOR, Broadway NT (am)

Manor house with a huge collection of beautiful and interesting objects. The Priest's House is next door to the Manor. Terraced gardens with lovely views of the Cotswolds. A quirky place - a world away from the ordinary!

BUSCOT PARK, Faringdon, Oxfor ds NT (pm)

New works of art mingle with the old within the house and new alleys and vistas stride out within the grounds. A wonderful walled garden.

OCT 25th Thursday 9:00 am Coach

BLUEBELL ARBORETUM, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

The finest collection of unusual shrubs and trees in Derbyshire. Nine acres. The Arboretum has become a beautiful woodland walk with rare plant treasures on display.

KEDLESTON HALL, Quarndon, Derby NT (pm)

One of the grandest and most perfectly finished houses designed by Robert Adam. 820 acres of beautiful naturalistic parkland which blends well into the surrounding countryside. More than 100 ancient trees.

NOV 29th Thursday 9.00 am Coach

ERDDIG, Wrexham NT (am)

Erddig tells the 250 year old story of a gentry family's relationship with its servants. Fully restored C18 garden with trained fruit trees, herbaceous borders, avenues of bleached limes. National collection of ivies.

MORETON PARK, Chirk

for Xmas Shopping (pm)

A chance for some retail therapy buying those last minute Christmas presents.

DEC 13th Wednesday 12 for 12.30pm

BODENHAM ARBORETUM Cars only

A time to reminisce about the garden trips during 2018 whilst enjoying a delicious 2/3 course Christmas Lunch.

Which did you enjoy most this year?

Deposits for Trips

A non-refundable deposit of £10 per member is payable when signing up for a Gardens Trip. You will be given a receipt to stick in your diary.

Balance of Trip Monies

Costs for each trip vary due to final numbers, entrances fees and transport used on the day. The balance due will be collected (cash please) on the day of the trip, before embarking the coach. Trips range between £15 and £35.

National Garden Scheme (NGS)

NGS Gardens (and other Gardens) with entrance charges are included in the trip cost.

National Trust Membership (NT)

Non NT Members need to pay entrance fees. It is cost effective to have NT membership ... but remember to bring your Membership Card!

No-Shows

If, for any reason, you are unable to join us on the day, you will be asked to pay any personal outstanding balance due for transport costs.

Departure Point and Transport

Unless otherwise stated, transport will depart
9.00 am Westgate Civic Offices
9.10 am Low Town Pick Up
(Details to be confirmed when booking)

Transport is either by Coach, Minibus or Community Bus and some trips are by car.

Late Changes ...

Any changes to this printed programme will be posted on our U3A Website under **STOP PRESS!**
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GARDENS GROUP 2018 PROGRAMME



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*Join us
for a good day out
exploring wonderful gardens
in good company!*



LEARN, LAUGH and LIVE!

MARCH 1st Thursday 9.00 am Coach

HODSTOCK PRIORY, Notts (am)

17 special snowdrops. 5 acres of formal gardens. 12 acres of Horse pasture wood which includes some veteran oak trees over 400 years.

CALKE ABBEY, Ticknell, Derbys NT (pm)

The house and stables have been preserved as the NT found them. The gardens yield flowers and produce throughout the year, while fading garden buildings such as the Orangery show former fortunes.

MARCH 29th Thursday 9:00 am C'ty Bus

EDGE VILLA, nr Yockleton NGS (am)

A two acre garden, 400 foot up with stunning views of the South Shropshire Hills. Self sufficient vegetable plot, productive orchard, large herbaceous borders.

PERCY THROWER'S GARDEN CENTRE (pm)

Time for lunch and buying our summer bedding plants and seeds.

APRIL 26th Thursday 9:00 am Minibus

BRYAN'S GROUND, Presteigne (am)

3 acres of intimate garden rooms that have been growing since 1913. Furnished with follies and fragrant flowers, towers and topiary, pools and potager. Five acres of specimen trees on the banks of river on the border with Wales.

BURFORD HOUSE GARDENS, T'Wells (pm)

Georgian House with a C20 garden specialising in clematis. Lawns, borders, water garden and woodland garden on the banks of the River Teme.

MAY 3rd Thursday 10.00am* Cars only

BLUEBELL WALK, Worfield (am)

*Meet at Worfield Recreation Hall at 10 .00am. Come see the wonderful carpet of English blue-bells in the woods. Approx 2 miles and 5/6 stiles.

MAY 24th Thursday 9:00 am Coach

BODNANT, Conway NT (am)

Grand formal terraces. Pin Mill. The famous Laburnam Arch which should be in full bloom! The Dell and four National Collections of Flowers.

JUNE 7th Thursday 9.00 am Minibus

GULDEN DOWN COTTAGE, Clun NGS (am)

With spectacular views this one acre organic garden has been developed over the last 12 years. Many rooms, vibrant herbaceous borders and terraces, rose trellises, large vegetable plot, wild garden with natural pond.

This is a tea garden and we will have lunch here.

RUTHNALL MANOR, Ditton Priors NGS (pm)

Mature collection of specimen trees. The garden divides into intimate sections carefully linked with winding paths. Striking borders. Clematis and roses scramble through wrought-iron work. Horse pool with primulas, iris and bog plants.

JUNE 28th Thursday 9.00 am C'ty Bus

RALPH'S COURT GARDENS, Bromyard (am)

Over twelve amazing gardens set in the grounds of a gothic rectory. Three acre garden includes the African jungle, Triton pool, Pirate garden, Italian piazza, Toad Hall in the Willow garden, Japanese garden with tea house.

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STOCKTON BURY, Kimbolton (pm)

Four acre garden. Medieval pigeon house, kitchen garden, water gardens and well planted borders. A favourite to visit over the years.

JULY 19th Thursday 8.30am* Coach

DYFFRYN GARDENS, Glamorgan NT (day)

A garden for all seasons. Intimate garden rooms, formal lawns, and an extensive arboretum. Impressive collection of rare cacti and orchids in the re-instated glasshouse.

AUGUST 2nd Thursday 9:00 am C'ty Bus

CWM WEEG, Dolfor, Newtown NGS (am)

2.5 acre garden set within 24 acres of wild-lower meadows, bluebell woodland and stream. Formal garden with vistas, grottos, sculptures, lawns and extensive borders terraced with stone walls. **Lunch at Charlies in Welshpool**

1 CHURCH BANK, Welshpool NGS (pm)

A jewel in the town. Walk through the ground floor of this C17 town house into a large garden room housing a museum of tools from different trades. Mystic pool of smoke and sounds, Gothic arch, shell grotto, bonsai garden and fernery.

AUGUST 23rd Thursday 8.00am* Coach

PLAS NEWYD, Anglesey NT (am)

The house sits majestically on the shores of the Menai Straits. Australasian arboretum, Italianate terrace garden and extensive woodland walks. Look out for the red squirrels?

PLAS CADNANT, Anglesey NT (pm)

The work began in 1996 on the restoration of the historic garden and grounds, the home of the Price family since 1804. The gardens have undergone a spectacular transformation and are being restored to their former glory.