

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

2017 SUMMER PROGRAMME

VISIT TO THE OLD RECTORY, QUINTON - Wednesday, 24th May. 6.30 p.m.

The gardens of The Old Rectory have been designed by Anouska Feeler and cover some three acres. The religious setting of the 18th century Old Rectory provides the inspiration for the garden which has elements of 18th century design together with a 21st century twist. The rear gardens have been divided into six parts, kitchen garden, glasshouse and flower garden, woodland menagerie, a park and an orchard. Living walls, modern materials and features, new planting methods and abstract installations combine with traditional craftwork, parterres and topiary to aid the modern and historic interpretation of the site. We have a guided tour with the Head Gardener.

The Old Rectory is on the Preston Deanery Road at Quinton. Postcode NN7 2ED.
Cost of the visit is £8 for members and £10 for guests, to include wine and nibbles.

VISIT TO THE OLD RECTORY, SUDBOROUGH – Wednesday, 21st June. 6.30 pm.

We have visited The Old Rectory on several occasions since the Trust was formed, but the garden now has new owners, Mr and Mrs. Toller, and we are privileged to visit and hear of their ideas and plans to continue and care for this lovely garden. Those of you who may have visited before in June will recall the fruitfulness of the potager designed by Rosemary Verey and the beautiful rose garden and herbaceous borders, a venue for a lovely summer evening in an English garden.

The Old Rectory is on the main street in Sudborough. Postcode NN14 3BX.
The cost of the visit is £8 for members and £10 for guests, to include wine and nibbles.

SUMMER PARTY AT COTON MANOR - Friday, 30th June 2017. 7 p.m.

This is the 25th year of the Northamptonshire Gardens Trust and we are holding our Silver Summer Party at the home of our President Susie Pasley Tyler and her husband Ian at Coton Manor. After wine and canapés on arrival, we will explore the lovely gardens surrounding the manor house, before we assemble for supper. The gardens were originally set out by Ian's grandparents, developed and cherished by his parents and since their tenure has been superbly planted and loved by Susie and Ian. The Summer Party is our main fundraising event for our Education Fund and the Small Grants Fund, so please support us and have an enjoyable evening.

Coton Manor, Near Guilsborough. Postcode NN6 8RQ.
The cost of the evening will be £17 for members and guests, to include supper and refreshments.

VISIT TO SULBY GARDENS - Thursday 13th July, 2017. 2 p.m.

Sulby Gardens is the home of Mrs. Alison Lowe and includes the original working gardens of Sulby Hall designed in 1792 by Sir John Soane, the Hall being now demolished. Alison and her late husband restored the gardener's cottage and the walled kitchen garden and orchard, derelict on their arrival and then acquired further woodland and meadows to a total of 12 acres. This is a working kitchen garden with a restored glasshouse, and a wonderful fruit collection has been built up in the orchard. The gardens have also been designated as a Local Wildlife Site by the Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust. We also hope to visit the Soane stable building during our visit to the gardens.

Sulby Gardens are in the village of Sulby, turn right at the sign to Sulby Hall Farm, turn right at the junction, the gardens are 1st left. Parking limited so we will help you to park. Postcode NN6 6EZ.

The cost of the visit is £10 for members, £12 non-members including a picnic tea.

VISIT TO FAWSLEY PARK - Wednesday 9th August, 2017. 2 p.m.

Lancelot 'Capability' Brown was reported by Horace Walpole in 1763 'to be laying out the ground and making a large piece of water ' for Lucy Knightley. We shall explore the landscape to view Brown's subsequent work and compare maps before and after this date to try to assess what was carried out. We will also see the 18th century walled kitchen garden where the walls have recently been restored. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing in case of inclement weather as we shall be walking across the parkland.

Meet at Fawsley Park, Postcode NN11 3BA. Final details of parking will be sent to those booked.

The cost of the visit is £10 members, £12 non-members including a picnic tea.

VISIT TO STONELEIGH ABBEY, WARWICKS – Wednesday, 6th September, 2017. 2 p.m.

Stoneleigh Abbey is Grade I listed and was developed from its Cistercian monastic foundation into the family home of the Leigh Family. Following on from our spring lectures, Sheila Woolf will take us on a tour of Stoneleigh Abbey and its associations with Jane Austin. We shall then have tea and cake in the Abbey, after which, Dr. Hazel Fryer will guide us around the landscape and discuss the alterations suggested by Humphry Repton.

Stoneleigh Abbey is located on the B4115 just off the A46. Meet at Stoneleigh Abbey car park. Postcode CV8 2LF .

(Note. There is no access to the Abbey from Stoneleigh Park, i.e. the former showground site)

Cost of visit £18 members £19 non members to include tea and cake.

N.B. If you have any special dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian, gluten free, etc. please tell us. We want you all to enjoy the refreshments.