

Bourtons Gardening Club

Programme of Events 2020 - 2021

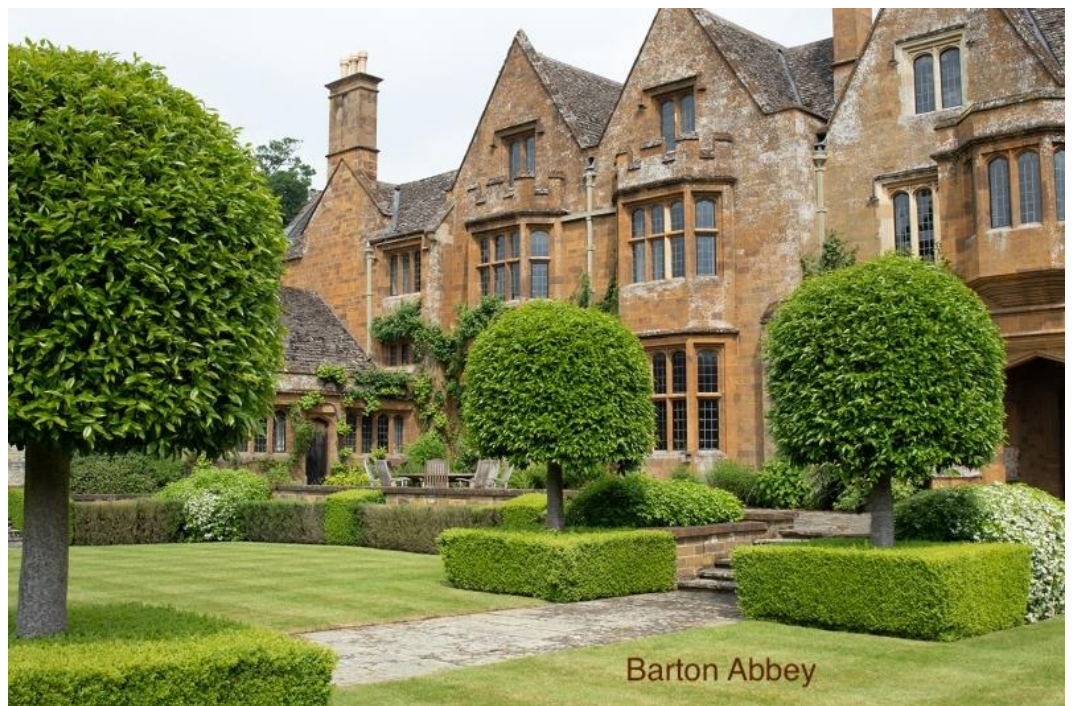
*“There is always
in February some
one day, at least,
when one smells the
yet distant, but surely
coming, summer.”*

Gertrude Jekyll

General Information

EVENING VISITS (EV): Meet outside The Bell in Great Bourton at 6.30pm for car sharing or at the venue at 7pm.

EVENING SPEAKER MEETINGS: Meet in the Village Hall, Main Street, Great Bourton, OX17 1QW at 7.30pm.



Barton Abbey

Tuesday May 12th (EV) HILL CLOSE GARDENS, WARWICK CV34 6HF

About:

The restored gardens at Hill Close, Warwick, offer a rare opportunity to see sixteen hedged Victorian pleasure gardens. Parking directly outside the gardens.

More info here:

<http://hillclosegardens.com/>

Charge:

£ 8.40 including refreshments and guided tour.

Directions:

Approx. 30 mins drive. North on M40. Come off at Junction 15 and take the A429 Stratford Rd towards Warwick. Left on Crompton St and then on to Bread & Meat Close. Ample parking.



**Sunday May 24th (D) ANNUAL
GARDEN PARTY and PLANT SALE**

Courtesy of Jenny Eadon and John Melrose, this is held at Church Close House, Church Close, Great Bourton, OX17 1RW

Refreshments and raffle. Opens at 2pm.

**June 3rd (EV) ADMINGTON HALL, nr
Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4JN**

About:

A 10-acre garden which includes an orchard, water garden, specimen trees, a walled garden, wildflower meadows and modern topiary.

Charge:

£12 including refreshments.

Directions:

Approx. 40 mins drive. From Ilmington, follow signs to Admington. After approx. 2 m turn R to Admington by the Polo Ground. Continue for 1m.



**July 1st (EV) *BARTON ABBEY,*
*Steeple Barton OX25 4QS***

About:

A 15-acre garden with sweeping lawns, lake, walled garden, woodland, meadows and glasshouse

Charge:

£10 including refreshments.

Directions:

Approx. 30 mins drive. South from Banbury on A4260. Past Deddington. At traffic lights in Hopcroft Holt, turn R onto B4030. Then L onto Pack Lane. Keep L.

**Aug 5th (EV) CHIVEL FARM,
Heythrop OX7 5TR**

About:

A beautiful country garden designed for continuous interest. Colour schemed borders and unusual trees.

Charge:

£ 7.50 including refreshments.

Directions:

Approx. 35 mins drive. Take the A361 towards Chipping Norton. Go L towards Heythrop on Green Lane. Keep L on Green Lane and the turning to CF will be on your right.



**Sept 2nd (EV) *BANNISTERS +
HOLLYHOCKS,*
nr Kidlington *OX5 2SQ***

About:

Bannisters is a contemporary garden full of grasses and perennials, while Hollyhocks is a small, Edwardian garden, with all-round interest, and lots of late summer Salvias. The gardens are a 2-minute walk from one another.

Charge:

£ 7 for both gardens including refreshments.

Directions:

Approx. 30 mins drive. Take the M40 south. Exit at J9. Take the A34 towards Kidlington then the B4027 Bletchingdon Rd to Islip. L into North Street. We will park at the farm opposite Hollyhocks.



Sept 23rd (EV) *BGC AUTUMN SOCIAL*

Cheese and wine (BYO drinks)



Oct 7th (EV) *SPEAKER:* *JULIE TOMLIN*

“Why Can’t Plants Read? Dabbling with Prairie Gardening in the Bourtons”

Nov 4th (EV) *SPEAKER:* *PAUL EMBDEN*

“The Plight of Our Butterflies and Moths”

“If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need.”

~ Cicero ~

Dec 2nd (EV) CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHARGE: £3.50 for members; £5.50 for Guests.



2021

Jan 6th (EV) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Feb 3rd (EV) SPEAKER:
ANDREW WOODALL**

“Life as Head Gardener at Broughton Grange and Elsewhere”

**Mar 3rd (EV) SPEAKER:
HUGH WARWICK**

“Hedgehogs - Why We Should and What We Can Do?”

**Apr 7th (EV) SPEAKER:
RICHARD PRESTON**

“The History of Primrose Gardens, Steeple Aston”

NB. We will be visiting this garden summer 2021

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND CHARGES

The membership fee for 2020 is £10 per person.

Charges set by the owners to visit locations must be paid by members and vary as detailed in the programme.

All information here is correct at time of printing.

Visitors may attend one BGC outing, as included in the published programme, without joining BGC, after which he/she will be expected to join. Visitors must pay all charges made by the owner of the property visited.

Members do not pay for speakers in the Village Hall. Visitors may attend one talk free of charge, after which there is a charge of £2.50 for each event.

HELPFUL LINKS:

[FARNBOROUGH GARDEN CENTRE](#)

[THE NATIONAL HERB CENTRE](#)

[BARN FARM PLANTS](#)

[HILLIERS](#)

[RHS](#)

[NATIONAL TRUST](#)

[NGS](#)

Benefits of BGC Membership:

10% discount at the National Herb Centre on production of your BGC membership card

10% discount at Farnborough Garden Centre on production of your BGC membership card + their discount card (which runs to the end of March)

Thanks to the NGS for permission to use their photos.

If you would like a copy of the paper programme, please contact Ann.



***** We are hoping to visit RHS
Wisley spring 2021 *****

More information on The Bourtons and the
Bourtons Gardening Club can be found here:

<https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/>

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