

Explore a garden near you, have fun and raise funds for charity.

This year we are celebrating our first decade of Open Gardens and holding prices (since 2008/09). Discounts for groups are by prior arrangement. Under 16s free but must be accompanied at all times. No dogs please, unless otherwise stated. Wheelchair access may be limited (call for details). Directional signs will not normally be used on roads in order to protect the environment. Biodegradable products used for teas. Gardens open at 2pm – unless as stated in text. Teas, delicious homemade cakes and plants for sale at most openings.

Special events 2010 featured in the leaflet

- Saturday 8 May** Best of British Red Cross Summer Ball - £20pp - Bucks
Thursday 20 May Concert at Englefield House - bring your own picnic, Berks
Saturday 5 June Dorney Court, Berks John Bromley Davenport QC retells Three Men in a Boat
Wed 16 June Hall Place Champagne & canapé party, Bucks
Thursday 17 June Summer Drinks party with live music, Bucks
Friday 18 June Midsummer abseil in Reading on from lunchtime until late. Book your place visit www.redcross.org.uk/readingabseil

Berkshire 0118 935 8221

Sunday 25 April 2-5 Plant sale

Devonia, Broad Lane, Bracknell, RG12 9BH.

Mr A Radgick The garden is open for the National Garden Scheme and funds from the sale of plants will be donated to the British Red Cross. From Bracknell A322 Downshire Way, roundabout 2nd exit Broad Lane.

Sunday 9 May £2.50 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants

Twigs, Old Forest Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, RG41 1JA.

Mr & Mrs G Winterbourne Half acre of semi-formal gardens, lily ponds, small vegetable garden. Gravel paths lead to woodland area. Planting mainly trees and shrubs under-planted with drifts of bulbs and perennials. From the A329 Wokingham Rd south of the Sainsbury turn into Old Forest Rd (Forest Rd on some maps). Over railway bridge Twigs is 300m on left, after Lowther Rd.

Saturday 15 May Entrance free 10-4 Plant sale

Plant Sale Grays Farm, Heathlands Rd, Wokingham, RG40 3AN.

Mrs Ann Jeater Ann will be selling a very wide range of summer bedding, hanging baskets, and other plants donated by volunteers. Expert planting advice on hand. Come early to avoid missing best buys. Heathlands Rd between the B3430 and Easthampstead Rd.

Thursday 20 May £10.00 5-9 Spring Prom. Bring picnic. *New*

Grounds open for visiting and picnics 5-7pm concert by West Forest Sinfonia in the Long Gallery. Picnic in the Long Gallery during the interval. Wine, refreshments and homemade cakes.

Englefield House, Englefield, Reading RG7 5EN.

Lady Benyon Historic, 9-acre, woodland garden, variety of trees and shrubs, stream, and water garden descending to formal terraces with stone balustrades. Recent features include the Ivy House, the Grotto with fir cone-studded interior, yellow and blue garden enclosed in clipped yew. Small enclosed gardens, deer park and lake. Gallery doors open 6.30pm, concert of light classical chamber music starts 7pm. M4 junc 12 take A4 Newbury. A340 Pangbourne, left to Englefield. Follow signs to the garden.

Saturday 5 June 5.30 – 7.30 £40 Dorney Court, Windsor, SL4 6QP

Mrs Palmer 'Three men in a boat' by Jerome K Jerome, in the Great Hall. Adapted and performed in a one man show by John Bromley-Davenport, well-known barrister, raconteur and actor. Tickets include interval refreshments. www.redcross.org.uk/events to book tickets.

Sunday 6 June £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants *New*

Wellington College, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, RG45 7PU.

Mr Steve Bloss A tranquil garden, planting is varied and diverse including formal lawns, island beds, and a bog garden shaded by large gunnera leaves and dappled light through a large tulip tree. Teas will be served in The Old Hall. Guided tour of garden and talk on the history of Wellington College. Take the A3095 to Crowthorne, at roundabout take B3348 Crowthorne, pass the Prince pub on left, Lloyds Bank on right, Waterloo Hotel on left. After 500yds turn left into college.

Sunday 13 June 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants

Highveldt, 12 Beech Road, Purley on Thames, RG8 8DS.

Mr & Mrs B Viljoen Garden is open for the National Garden Scheme. Guided tours. Red Cross volunteers will serve delicious teas and homemade cakes. From Reading take A329 towards Pangbourne. After traffic lights at Long Lane, go across next roundabout, Beech Road is the first road on your left.

Sunday 20 June £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants *New*

Ingle Spring, Stanford Dingley, RG7 6LX

Mr & Mrs D Townsend Over 2 acres of garden with lovely views across the river Ingle. Peaceful lawns, shaded walks, river plantings, water features, interesting and exotic shrub collections and magnolias. Guided tour 3pm. M4 Junction 12, A4 Newbury, A340 Pangbourne, left to Bradfield, left Back Lane turn left at the end pass The Bull, right towards Chapel Row. Ingle Spring on right, after The Boot. Park by church.

Sunday 27 June £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants *New*

Potash, Mariners Lane, Southend Bradfield, RG7 6HU

Mr & Mrs J W C Mooney Five acre garden. Wide range of plants, many unusual specimens. Shrubs, tea roses, herbaceous borders, bog garden feeding clay-lined pond, young woodland and space to sit and admire views. Guided tours. Dogs welcome. 10m west of Reading. From M4 J12 take A4 west 1m. At roundabout exit A340 towards Pangbourne, turn left after 400yds towards Bradfield. About 1 mile take second left (Union Rd) Before Southend Bradfield turn right. Potash is 400yds on left by beech hedge.

Sunday 25 July £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants

Sandhurst Lodge Farm, Ambarrow Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JF

Mr & Mrs M Rickards Grand 3/4 acre Victorian walled garden beautifully planted & surrounded by woodland. Natural Victorian lily pond and other water features. Surrounded by walks of varying lengths. Informal choir concert. Guided tours. Between Crowthorne and Sandhurst A321 Wokingham Rd Ambarrow Lane is to the west – look for signs/balloons.

Sunday 8 August £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants

Harris Garden, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6AS

Mr Pitman An all year round garden. 12 acres of parkland with formal and informal areas. Rose, gold, jungle, walled and experimental gardens, stream and bog area. Pepper Lane off Shinfield Road, A327 or via Wilderness Road off A329. Follow signs to University then internal signs to garden.

Sunday 24 October £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants

Sunningdale Park, Ascot SL5 0OE.

Mr Kieron Bradley Over 40 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens in the style of Capability Brown, Pelham rockery, terraced garden, rhododendrons, lake, cave, water feature. Woodland and paved walks round the lake area. At 3pm walking history of the garden. A30 Sunningdale take Broomhall Lane. After 1/2m turn right into Larch Avenue. From A329 turn into B383 Silwood Rd towards Sunningdale.

Buckinghamshire 01296 739309

Thursday 15 April £3.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants *New*

Hall Farm, Little Linford, Near Newport Pagnell, MK19 7EA

The Hon Mr & Mrs Richard Godber Two-acre farmhouse hilltop garden created from fields 30 years ago with walled garden in original cattle yard featuring mixed borders. Interesting barn and conservatory. Cedar lawn with roses, wild pond, vegetables, orchard and small woodland walk. Spring interest with bulbs and hellebores. Little Linford is approx. 5 miles north of Milton Keynes, midway between Haversham and Gayhurst, close to the M1 motorway. The garden is on Little Linford Lane.

Sunday 6 June £4.00 2-5 Teas with cakes and plants

Groups of 10+ welcome by appointment 01753 884852

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Craiglea House, Austenwood Lane, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9DA

Mr & Mrs J Medlock Garden opening for the National Garden Scheme, funds raised from refreshments will be donated to British Red Cross. One acre garden. Formal gardens surround Art and Crafts house, including white garden with central fountain, pergola, rose garden, herbaceous and mixed borders. Less formal area has a wildlife pond, vegetable garden, fern walk and mixed borders. Many varieties of hosta. Lots of seats with lovely views of the garden. From the centre of Gerrards Cross village take B416 towards Amersham. After ½ mile take left fork to Austenwood Lane (1/3 mile). Park in St Joseph's Church car park and Priory Road on left. Craiglea House is at end of the lane on the right.

Wednesday 16 June £20.00 6-8 *New*

Hall Place, Wycombe End, Beaconsfield, HP9 1NB

The former Rectory is now the family home of the Doctors Bell, who have carefully restored the 19th century garden and introduced some modern elements. The garden covers one acre. It is not open to the public, so this is a special event for garden lovers. Champagne and canapés will be served in the orangery, designed by Eric Throssell. Parking at St. Mary's Church. Admission is by pre-booked tickets and numbers are limited to 40. Tickets are available from Mr Alan Pegley, Kingswood, Kings Lane, South Heath, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire HP16 0QU. Please enclose sae.

Thursday 17 June £15.00 6-8 Summer Drinks Party with live music *New*

Tickets booked in advance 01296 739309. Places limited.

'Ladies' wear a hat. Best looking hat wins bottle of champagne!

Wavendon Lodge, Lower End Road, Wavendon, MK17 8AU

Mr & Mrs Antony Ripper The owners have lived here for over 30 years. The Georgian house is situated in a beautiful 5-acre formal garden with many borders, shrubs, flowers and statues. The swimming pool, one of the first in England, is surrounded by a colourful perennial border. Kitchen garden with small herb garden. Car parking on both sides of drive. Directions will be sent with booking confirmation.

Sunday 20 June £3.50 2-6 Teas with cakes and plants

in Birtton & Burcott Sports Centre opposite garden *New*

Burcott Cottage, Burcott Lane, Aylesbury, HP22 5AU

Mr & Mrs J Stevens A two and a half acre garden surrounding a Grade II listed house owned by the family for the past 76 years comprising lawns, mature trees and shrubs, a large herbaceous border, Dutch garden, good examples of ground cover and a productive kitchen garden. Birtton is approx 2 miles from Aylesbury on the A418. Turn right into Burcott Lane. Garden will be signed. Parking in field opposite.