

**DORSET  
GARDENS  
TRUST**

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# PROGRAMME

January to April 2017

## DGT Events Committee

### VISITS TO GARDENS – CONTACT:

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Committee: Annie Atherton, Alison a Court, Carol Carsley, Wendy Cartwright, Henry Digby, William Hanham, Rachel James, Emma Poë, Sandra Woods

There will be a waiting list for events where numbers are limited. If you book but cannot attend, please inform Emma so that your place can be offered to another member.

### Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 2.30p.m.

#### **Lecture: Darwin and the London Orchid Trade by Dr Jim Endersby**

During Victorian times London became the centre of an intensely competitive global trade in orchids, which co-incidentally provided Charles Darwin with material for his research. This revealed the strategies orchids use to survive, thus endowing them with agency. Beautiful, exotic and strange, tropical orchids began to acquire frightening human characteristics in the popular imagination.

Jim Endersby took his first degree in History and Philosophy of Science at the University of New South Wales, followed by a doctorate at Cambridge and then he spent some time at Darwin College as a post-doctoral research fellow. He is currently Reader in The History of Science at Sussex University and has written several books including 'Imperial Nature: Joseph Hooker and the Practices of Victorian Science'. His latest book is 'A Cultural History of Orchids'.

**Cost: £8.00**

**Cerne Abbas Village Hall, Kettle Bridge Lane, Cerne Abbas DT2 7GY**

**Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 2.30p.m.**

**Lecture: World Tree Story by Julian Hight**

Julian Hight set off on a five-year photographic odyssey to study the world's most ancient and historic trees across 39 countries. His talk tells the story of these spectacular members of the plant kingdom and their impact on human history, legend, mythology and literature. With the photographs taken on his journey, he provides us with accounts of trees dating back some 5,000 years, others towering 275 feet into the air or those which have witnessed great events in history and given shade to some of the greatest people of the past. Following the success of *Britain's Tree Story* – his book on our own great trees – the recently published *World Tree Story* takes a fascinating look at some of the planet's most extraordinary natural phenomena – living links to history.

**Cost: £8.00**

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**Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 2.30p.m.**

**Lecture: Austen's Arcadia by Dawn Collins**

An introduction to the development of Georgian Gardens and how they are reflected in the novels of Jane Austen. The talk, created for the Jane Austen festival, demonstrates how the gardens Jane grew up in and those she knew as an adult influenced her depiction of both the cottage garden and the great country estate. Dawn has been a garden designer and lecturer for over 20 years and a Walks and Talks Volunteer Guide at Stourhead for 10 years. Her great interest is in gardens of the 18th century.

*You are welcome to walk in the gardens before or after the talk.*

**Cost: £9.00**

**At Shaftesbury Trust, Mill St, Fontmell Magna, Shaftesbury SP7 0NU**

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 2.30p.m.**

**Lecture: The Princess's garden: Royal Intrigue and the untold story of Kew by Vanessa Berridge**

The book, described as a "thundering good read" by Historic Gardens Magazine, explores the political and personal background to the founding of Kew Gardens in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century by Augusta, wife of Frederick, Prince of Wales, and after Frederick's death with the help of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Bute.

The speaker, Vanessa Berridge, launched and edited the magazine, the 'English Garden' and writes extensively for garden magazines. She lives in the Cotswolds where her garden is open to the public. Vanessa will have books for sale.

**Cost: £8.00**

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**Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**VISITS - A Spring Day in East Devon**

11.00a.m. **South Wood Farm**, Cotleigh, Devon EX14 9HU, by kind permission of Dr Clive Potter

We paid a visit to this wonderful garden designed by Arne Maynard in September 2015 and we have been invited back to see it in the spring. Large country garden surrounding listed 17<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse set deep in the Blackdown hills. Traditional Devon Cobbled yard with a lean-to glasshouse. Exciting garden, including a walled courtyard, kitchen garden with raised beds, fruit cages and trained fruit. Lots of blossom with Spring bulbs in long grass.

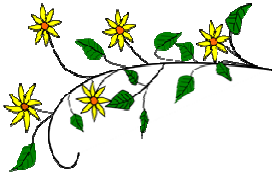
**Cost £12.00** to include refreshments on arrival.

2.00p.m. **Sidbury Manor** near Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0QE, by kind permission of Sir John and Lady Cave.

Built in 1870s, this Victorian manor house built by the owner's family and set within E. Devon AONB comes complete with 20 acres of garden including substantial walled gardens, extensive arboretum containing many fine trees and shrubs, a number of champion trees, and areas devoted to magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias. The blossom and spring flowers should be at their best.

**Cost £12.00** to include tea/coffee and an optional tour.

# DON'T FORGET



The BRING and BUY **PLANT SALE** in aid of  
the Dorset Gardens' Trust

at

Baglake Farm, Litton Cheyney, DT2 9AD

on

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am – 12.30pm

Entrance £3.00 to include coffee.

The organisers would welcome good surplus plants from the members when they split their perennials/grasses/etc in the spring.

You can contact them : Lavinia Barbour 01308 482222 and Anna Awdry 0330 2210495 (Wessex internet)

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Please take the time to look at our Website [www.dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk](http://www.dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk) which has all the details of things happening now and in the future. We will increasingly be using email and this site to keep contact with our members, for example if there are changes to events. You might even like to look at our Facebook page which shows pictures of members working on the Trust's behalf and also places members have visited!

Advance notice: The Annual General Meeting 2017 will be on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Minterne.