



# GARDEN VISITS & LECTURE PROGRAMME

January to May 2019

## DGT Events Committee

LECTURES & VISITS TO GARDENS – CONTACT:

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**Booking for these events will be online only through the DGT website, starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (see booking instructions below)**

There will be **no refunds** on tickets however tickets can be passed onto other members only.

Due to the popularity of garden visits, tickets are for members only. Lectures and study days are open to all. To help us make arrangements in advance we have introduced a surcharge for “on the door” tickets over those bought online.

For more information on membership please see the DGT website <http://www.dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk>

Committee: Annie Atherton, Carol Carsley, Wendy Cartwright,  
Henry Digby, Sandra Woods, Alan Eason

**Tuesday, January 29th**

**LECTURE**

**2.30 pm**

*The Art of Garden Visiting - a history of garden visiting, fashions and trends* **by Marion Mako**

Marion Mako is a freelance garden historian and designer who has worked in both the UK and USA, specialising in English herbaceous planting. Following a career in garden design she also completed an MA in Garden History at the University of Bristol, in 2004. She continues to research public and private gardens covering a wide variety of subjects such as; gardens of

the artists Alfred Parsons and Edward Hornel, the history of the gardens at: Kellie Castle; Mount Stewart; Kedleston Hall and Stourhead among many others. In addition to writing books, Marion leads a wide variety of bespoke garden tours and gives illustrated talks as well as taking part in television and radio interviews.

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

**Cost: £8.00 online, tea and coffee included  
£10.00 on the door, tea and coffee included**

## **Tuesday, February 26th                      STUDY DAY**

**10.30 am**            *The Rise of Women Gardeners in the Twentieth Century*  
*by Dr Jane Crozier*

This Study Day focuses on the influential garden-making of four ‘working amateurs’ – Gertrude Jekyll, Vita Sackville-West, Margery Fish and Beth Chatto. Each gardener’s style and practice, their relationship to one another and to the period and culture will be discussed. Jane Crozier holds several degrees in English and American Literature and is a Research Fellow at Queen Mary University London. Her particular interests are the literature of landscape and gardens, garden history and practical horticulture.

The structure of the day will be the three lectures with a coffee break after the first lecture. A light buffet Lunch will be served after the second lecture and the third lecture will end at about 3pm.

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

**Cost: £30.00 coffee, wine and buffet lunch included. (This must be booked before February 15<sup>th</sup>. Bookings after this or at the door will be £35)**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**LECTURE**

**2.30pm**

*The Clematis Story*

**by Charles Chesshire**

Charles Chesshire is a garden and landscape designer, writer and lecturer. He has been making gardens for over 30 years in the United Kingdom, the USA and France. He was the curator of Burford House Gardens in Worcestershire for 10 years when it was a Mecca for Clematis lovers and, among other roles, has been the consultant designer for Sudeley Castle Gardens and Sezincote since 1998. Charles recently moved from the Welsh Borders to Dorset where he has set up a rare plant nursery in Symondsburry (close to Bridport). His lecture will cover the history of Clematis cultivation in Britain with a special emphasis on species and small flowered hybrids and what the future might hold. He is the author of several books on Clematis.

**Venue: Brownsword Hall, Pummery Square, Poundbury, Dorset DT1 3GW**

**Cost: £10.00 online, tea and coffee included**

**£12.00 on the door, tea and coffee included**

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**VISIT**

**10:30am Bicton College, East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BH**

A day exploring the history and plant collections of the Grade I registered landscape at Bicton, heralded in the mid-nineteenth century as one of the most important gardens in the country. **Joint with Devon Gardens Trust.**

Starting in the morning at the mansion, now home to Bicton College, there will be an introduction to the history of the landscape by Kim Auston, landscape architect until recently with Historic England, followed by a tour through the adjacent arboretum with its otter pool and on to the walled garden with its restored glasshouses. In the afternoon Bicton Botanical Gardens curator will introduce the pleasure grounds with its many listed structures and one of the finest collections of trees in the country including 25 champions and extensive Pinetum. Tours will include the Italian Garden laid out in the 1730s, the American garden developed a hundred years later, the fernery and Shell House, the unique domed palm house built some twenty years before that at Kew, the church by Pugin, and a rare treat will be the

opportunity to look inside the Victorian Hermitage clad entirely in cedar shingles with its floor composed of deer bones.

The 18-inch gauge Bicton Woodland Railway may be used to reach some of the grounds, but there will be some walking required. Refreshments at Bicton College on arrival. Lunch can be bought at Bicton Gardens café, or a picnic may be eaten in the grounds.

**Cost: £20.00**

**Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> VISIT**  
**11:00am Moreton House, Moreton, Wool, DT2 8RG**  
By kind permission of Mr. Richard Frampton-Hobbs

As you may have seen in the DGT Journal, the Framptons have lived at Moreton since 1366 and many of them were keen gardeners and plantsmen. Although much of the garden has not survived we can still see glimpses and clues as to what was there and see what remains, including a range of Rhododendrons and other large shrubs and trees alongside the River Frome which weaves through the estate. The obelisk from 1785/6 still stands on Fir Hill and one of the earliest tennis courts in England can be seen.

This is a venue for those seriously interested in garden history. Members of the Research & Recording committee, who have been researching the history of Moreton, will be on hand to try and answer questions and give you a guided walk if you desire. This is a garden that does not open to the public, so we are very grateful to Richard Frampton for his generous invitation.

While you are in Moreton village, you can also visit the Church with its fabulous engraved windows created by Sir Laurence Whistler. Visit The Walled Garden which was the kitchen garden for Moreton House, and is now run by Employ My Ability who are in receipt of a DGT grant. The grave of T.E. Lawrence is in the cemetery accessed through an ornamental entrance that used to be the entrance to the walled garden. There is a cafe in The Walled Garden and also a tea room opposite for coffee before the garden walk, lunches, teas etc. Refreshments at your own expense.

**Cost: £10.00**

## Advance notice

The Dorset Gardens Trust Annual General meeting will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Hinton St Mary manor house. More details will be disseminated by email and on the website in due course.

### How to book tickets

Please note tickets are available to buy online via the link below from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 .

1. Click on the link below to take you to the online booking site:  
<https://dorsetgardenstrust.eventcube.io/events>
2. From the online booking site, click into the event you would like to book tickets for.
3. Select the number of tickets you would like to purchase (maximum 2 per event; tickets for garden visits are for members only) and click **BUY TICKETS**, which will add them to your "basket".
4. To select additional tickets for a different event, click on **EVENTS** in the top left side of the webpage. This will return you to the main page listing all the events. Then repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 until you have chosen all your tickets.
5. Once you have chosen all your tickets, click on the **BASKET** button in the top right hand of the screen and select **CHECKOUT**.
6. Follow the instructions to complete the purchase of your tickets.
7. Once your ticket purchase is complete, you will be offered the option to download and print your tickets. You will also be emailed an e-ticket and can download and print your tickets from your email.
8. Print the full ticket to bring on the day for entry, unless you have a smart phone and can access your email from it to show the e-ticket upon arrival.

**Please note that all garden visits are for members only as there are limited places on each visit. Lectures are open to members and non-members.**