



GARDEN VISITS & LECTURES PROGRAMME

January to May 2018

DGT Events Committee

LECTURES & VISITS TO GARDENS – CONTACT:

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

Committee: Annie Atherton, Carol Carsley, Wendy Cartwright, Alison a Court, Henry Digby, Sandra Woods

Thursday, March 8th LECTURE

2.30pm *'The World of Hellebores'* by Diana Guy

Diana Guy, winner of the first BBC Gardener of the Year competition is a specialist in hellebores and a highly sought-after garden lecturer already known to DGT. Diana will give an illustrated talk looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores and how to use them to the best effect. An added attraction is that there may be unusual hellebores for sale.

Venue: Stourpaine Village Hall, Bottom Road, Stourpaine, Blandford Forum DT11 8TJ

Cost: £8.00

Wednesday, March 28th LECTURE

2.30pm *'Shell Houses & Grottoes in English Landscape Gardens'* by
Gerald and Margaret Hull

Gerald and Margaret Hull are artists and writers with a special interest in landscape and gardens. They have researched and visited over 100 shell grottoes across the U.K. and Ireland. The lecture features 18th century shell houses and grottoes in Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset and Devon, their changing function in the garden landscape, and the shell artists, often women, who made them. It also examines the shell decorative skills of contemporary shell artists. An illustrated publication called "Conchinilia Journey" compliments the lecture.

Venue: Stratton Village Hall, The Square, Stratton, Dorset DT2 9WG

Cost: £8.00

Monday, April 23rd LECTURE

2.30pm *'Bhutan = Kingdom of Rare Plants'* by **Rosemary Legrand**

Rosemary, daughter of the late George Hyde noted for his award-winning azaleas and rhododendrons, is a horticulturalist and former nursery owner. She has travelled extensively photographing plants and gardens to illustrate her many diverse talks. Rosemary has lectured for over 20 years, for the RHS, NAFAS and on cruise liners, and has contributed to '1001 Gardens you must see before you die'.

Rosemary will lecture on her travels through Bhutan, meeting the Bhutanese people, learning something of their Buddhist culture, and will introduce us to some rare and exciting plant species.

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

Cost: £8.00

Wednesday, May 2nd VISIT

11:30am The Old Parsonage, Littlebredy, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9HG
By kind permission of Charlie Mc Cormick and Ben Pentreath.

From his Dorset garden, Charlie McCormick has enthralled the world of Instagram with stunning images of his flower and vegetable gardening, which create a modern and extravagant interpretation of the traditional English Cottage Garden. When not spending his time in the garden, Charlie is a celebrated floral designer, is the garden editor of the Times Luxx magazine, and is writing his first book on English gardening, with his Husband Ben Pentreath, who's architectural and interior design studio has established a powerful reputation across a variety of disciplines, along with the Pentreath and Hall shop.

COST: £12.00 tea and coffee provided.

Lunch: picnic in the garden

Wednesday, May 2nd VISIT

2.00pm The Old Rectory, Litton Cheney, Dorchester DT2 9AH
By kind permission of Richard and Emily Cave.

A gem of a garden in the Bride Valley. There are steep paths with 4 acres of natural woodland and springs. Also two pools including a natural swimming pool. Formal front garden designed by Arne Maynard with pleached crab apples, topiary and soft planting. Walled garden with informal planting and a kitchen garden featured in Gardens Illustrated. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

COST: £12.00 refreshments available

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, January 16th Study Day

From 11:00am 'Japanese Gardens, meaning, history, plants and designers' by **Yoko Kawaguchi**. There are still places available on this study day, which includes morning coffee, lunch and tea. If you would like more information, please contact sophiamorant@gmail.com Cost: £39.00 including lunch, £30 without lunch. Venue: Cerne Abbas Village Hall

Thursday, April 19th AGM 2018

The AGM 2018 will be held at Chettle House. Tea will be provided by the owner and a tour of the garden will be available.

Tuesday, May 8th Plant Sale

This year's plant sale will take place at Litton Cheney. Please remember to keep good plants from your gardening endeavours for the sale rather than throwing them out.

Wednesday, May 16th Humphry Repton Study Day

A study day on Humphry Repton has been organised at an exciting Dorset venue. Please keep the 16th May free if you think you would like to attend. Ticket numbers will be limited.

More details will be available soon!



Details about all these events will be available on the DGT website and will appear in the summer programme.

New Website!

Have you visited the DGT's new website? It has all the latest and up-to-date news and events from the DGT. Visit us at www.dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk