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GARDEN VISITS PROGRAMME

June to August 2018

DGT Events Committee

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Booking for these events will be online only through the DGT website,
starting on May 1st 2018 (see 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 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

The Committee is very grateful to Anthea Payne for organising the visits on July 9th and August 23rd

Monday, June 11th VISIT

10:30am Melbury House, Melbury Sampford, Dorchester, DT2 0LF

By kind permission of The Hon. Mrs Townshend.

Melbury House has been the seat of the Strangways family of Dorset since the estate was sold in 1500 by William Bruning to Henry Strangways. The present house was rebuilt after 1546 by his son, Sir Giles Strangways, using Ham stone from a quarry nine miles away. It was altered and extended in 1692 by Thomas Strangways. The house has remained in the same family ever since.

We will be given a guided tour through the grounds, including the church (10:30am arrival for 11:00am tour).

COST: £9.00

Thursday, June 14th VISIT

10:30am The Mill House, Bindon, Wool, Wareham BH20 6BN

By kind permission of Mrs Sally Weld

This is an interesting old mill house updated by the present owners. There is a small formal garden to the east of the house and the rest of the garden runs along side of the river Frome, with interesting features such as the Archimedes lock controlling the river flow into the old millpond. On the adjoining site to the south are the ruins of the Cistercian abbey founded in 1192. You can visit these and walk round the remains of the former fish ponds used by the monks.

COST: £10.00 tea and coffee included.

Lunch: picnic in the garden or visit a local pub.

Monday, June 18th VISIT

2:30pm Compton Castle, Compton Pauncefoot, Yeovil BA22 7EH

By kind permission of Bill and Janey Hopkins.

The Hunt family owned the estate of Pauncefoot from the mid 17th century and Compton Castle and its landscaped garden were constructed in C1820-25 by John Hubert Hunt. The Grade II listed gothic style building is set in 1,279 acres including a 7-acre heart-shaped lake which legend has it was built as an engagement present for the fiancée of the then owner. When she had an affair with a local curate, a pair of teardrop ponds were added by the lake. Prior to the current owners purchasing the property in 2015, it had stood empty for 10 years, but they are now working hard to restore the grounds, which include lawns, formal planting and a grotto as well as the lake, to their former glory.

COST: £12.00 tea included.

Friday, June 22nd VISIT

11:00am Mells Manor, Mells, Nr Frome, Somerset BA11 3PN

By kind permission of Lord and Lady Oxford.

Mells Manor, built in the 16th century, along with its garden walls, has been designated, as a Grade I listed building, and is on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of special historic interest in England. Restoration of the garden and house was carried out by Sir Edwin Lutyens with advice from Gertrude Jekyll in the early 20th century. The garden is relaxed: there are roses, some chosen by Norah Lindsay, herbaceous borders, a kitchen garden, and a more formal section.

Lord Oxford will introduce the house and take us on a tour of the adjacent and beautiful St Andrew's church, before leading a small group tour of the house alternating with a chance to enjoy the garden.

There will be no refreshments on arrival but please see below. You may picnic in the grounds for lunch.

COST: £12.00 – a donation will go towards renovation of the chapel in the garden

Refreshments: Mells Walled Garden Café about 100 yards away serves tea and coffee and a light lunch: a place for the latter would need to be reserved (please email ha.atherton@ymail.com). This venue also has a charming cottage garden and plant nursery.

Friday, June 22nd VISIT

2:30pm Mells Park, Mells, Nr Frome, Somerset BA11 3QB

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Michael Samuels.

Mells Park is a Grade II listed Lutyens House standing in an outstanding example of an eighteenth century landscaped park and lake, also Grade II, set among the combes of the Mendip Hills.

The head gardener Peter Dennis will show us around the more formal parts of the garden (Lutyens) and explain the landscaping and views from the terraces near the house. There are also wonderful examples of ancient trees and garden buildings to be seen.

DGT members are welcome to wander in the park and down to the lake, cattle permitting, for as long as they wish after the guided tour.

Tea and cake will be provided by Mrs Samuels and her team.

COST: £15.00 A donation will be made to two charities supported by Mrs Samuels, Child Bereavement UK and The Anna Freud Centre.

Tuesday, July 3rd VISIT

10:30am Bingham Melcombe, Bingham Melcombe, Dorchester DT2 7PZ
By kind permission of Mrs J.M. Langham.

Stunning 16th century manor house set in extensive beautiful grounds with ancient mountainous yew hedges, a recently restored dovecote and ice house, ponds, lakes, old school and 14th century church.

COST: £12.00 Coffee included.

Picnics in the grounds are permitted.

Tuesday, July 3rd BUFFET LUNCH, WINERY TOUR & TASTING

1:15pm Langham Winery, Langham Wine Estate, Crawthorne, Dorchester,
Dorset DT2 7NG

Lunch starts at 1.15pm

Menu:

Tarts filled with roasted red pepper & goat's cheese or Pea, courgette & tarragon (V)

Pork pies with Dorset chutney

Meatballs with a herby tomato sauce

Pate with tomato & caramelised onion chutney

Salad mixed leaf

Cherry Tomatoes. (V)

Dorset cheese served with crackers, biscuits, chutney and our own bread (V)

Dorset apple cake

Followed by: Private DGT guided tours of vineyard and winery. An opportunity to learn about all the stages in producing world-class, traditional method sparkling wine followed by a tutored tasting of award winning wines.

COST: £25.00 (lunch, tour and tasting)

Monday, July 9th VISIT

11:00am **Heale House Garden**, Middle Woodford, Salisbury SP4 6NT

By kind permission of Frances Rasch.

We have the privilege of a private tour of this Arts and Crafts garden designed by Harold Peto in 1910. It sits beside the River Avon and some of the planting reflects past owners' travels, while a walled vegetable garden, meadowed riverside and borders all enhance the stately and statuesque house.

COST: £15.00 Coffee available.

Monday, July 9th VISIT

2:30pm **Chisenbury Priory**, East Chisenbury, Wiltshire SN9 6AQ

By kind permission of John Manser.

We were to have visited Chisenbury a few years back but they were replanting and redesigning their borders with the help of Tom Stuart-Smith. Now the opportunity has come around to enjoy this stunning garden full of wonderful roses, beautiful trees and delightful stream-side planting, all carefully nurtured by an enthusiastic owner.

COST: £10.00 tea included.

Tuesday, July 17th VISIT

10:30am **Crichel House**, Moor Crichel, Wimborne BH21 5DT

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Richard Chilton.

The present house was built in 1742 by Sir William Napier. Sir Humphry Sturt added extra rooms around the original core and brought in Thomas Wyatt to design the interiors. The 1st Lord Allington conducted further works in 1876, making changes to the stable block and adding a north wing and gate lodge.

The house was initially requisitioned by the Air Ministry in 1938 before becoming a home for Dumpton School and then Cranborne Chase School until 1961. At this stage, the estate and house were taken back in hand by the Hon

Mrs Marten, who comprehensively modernised the inside of the house and set out the northern part of the walled garden that you see today.

The estate was sold to Richard and Maureen Chilton in 2013 and they have continued with restoration work on the house, church and gardens.

Arrival at 10.30am for coffee and 11.00am guided tour.

COST: £27.50 tea and coffee included.

Lunch: picnic in the garden or visit a local pub.

Tuesday, July 17th VISIT

2:30pm Dean's Court, Wimborne, BH21 1EE

By kind permission of Sir William and Lady Hanham.

Privately owned by Sir William Hanham. The gardens are partly wild, in an ancient monastic setting. There are marvellous mature specimen trees, a herb garden and an apiary. Also, a Saxon fish pond beside the river Allen chalkstream. The kitchen garden has a wonderful 18th century serpentine wall. It was the first kitchen garden accredited by the Soil Association. The permaculture system has recently been instigated within the walled kitchen garden.

COST: £15.00

If you wish to picnic in the garden, you can arrive from 1:00pm. Walk back over the bridge, turn left at the house and eat in the marquee by the pond. The guided tour starts at 2:30pm by the front door. There are pubs in villages near venue, one is the Dancing Moose, off Wimborne High Street. There is slightly restricted availability in Dean's Court café, which is just by the entrance to Dean's court.

Tuesday, July 24th VISIT

11:00am Steeple Manor, Wareham BH20 5PA

By kind permission of Christopher and Ann Langham.

The earliest part of Steeple Manor is 16th century with additions in the mid/late 17th century and a further addition when the house was extensively restored in the 1920's. The garden was designed in 1923 by Brenda Colvin, the noted landscape architect. Her main layout and structural planting survives. Since 1979, successive owners have restored, replanted and extended the garden, which now covers approx. 5 acres. It is a magical setting in the fold of Creech Hill and Smedmore Hill with shelter from walls, tall hedges and trees. For a more detailed description, see the Historic England register of Historic Parks and Gardens. A visit to the nearby 6th century church is also recommended.

COST: £12.00 tea and coffee included.

Thursday, August 23rd VISIT

2:30pm Wudston House, Wedhampton, Devizes SN10 3QE

By kind permission of David Morrison.

This young garden, a passion of the owner's, features formality near to the house and then gradually merges with the countryside. At its best late in the year not only for the ambitious perennial meadow but also for the impressive double borders which have been creatively planted with the help from Nick Macer of Pan-Global Plants. The garden also features a vegetable garden, a sunken garden and an arboretum.

COST: £10.00 tea included.

How to book tickets

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 named 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 of your tickets.
5. Once you have chosen all of 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. **To activate your tickets:** Open the e-mail Order Confirmation you received with your tickets. Scroll down the email until you see the button **CLICK HERE TO VIEW YOUR ORDER** and click on it. This will result in the activation page opening. Please fill in your full name and email address and if required, the information for your second ticketholder. Follow the instructions on the webpage to complete the activation process.
9. 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. Purchasers of two tickets will need to enter the second member’s name during the purchase process.