

MARLBOROUGH GARDENING ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL
DESIGNING AND PLANTING A SMALL GARDEN
SPEAKER: ANDY McINDOE**

Venue: Christchurch Wesley Hall, Oxford Street, Marlborough.

Doors open 7.15 for 7.45 p.m.

During 37 years at Hillier Nurseries Andy McIndoe was responsible for the design and creation of a record 25 Gold Medal winning exhibits at Chelsea. He is a regular contributor to newspapers, magazines and BBC Radio. He lectures to gardening groups and societies at home and abroad and leads numerous tours. He now also organizes Online courses - My Garden School.

Lectures are free to members and there is no need to book. They are also open to non-members and a donation is appreciated. Tea and biscuits are served before the talk so come early to chat to friends and buy some raffle tickets. Garden related offerings for the raffle – plants, books, seeds - are always much appreciated.

ANNUAL LUNCH

Saturday 21st April 2018 12.30 for 1 p.m.

There is still time to join us for the Annual Lunch if you return the booking form from the March Newsletter to Amelia by 15th April. Alternatively, Amelia will bring some printed forms to the April meeting.

PLANT SALE SATURDAY 19TH MAY IN THE WESLEY HALL

This year the Sale will take place in the Wesley Hall, because of a problem with booking the Town Hall. However only the venue is changed - everything else remains the same!

This means that it is time to start thinking about plants for the Sale and what you can contribute. Once the weather improves and you are out in your garden, please look around and see whether there are plants you can propagate.

Remember, the success of the Sale depends on your contributions!

WEEKEND VISIT TO WALES

FRIDAY JUNE 15TH - SUNDAY JUNE 17TH

You should now have all been advised individually, of your balance payment for the above trip, which is due by April 20th. Carolyn and/or Cheryl will be at the next meeting on April 11th, to accept your cheques, made payable to Marlborough Gardening Association.

Alternatively, you may send them to:

Carolyn Davis, Bridleway Cottage, Ogbourne St Andrew, Marlborough, SN8 1XF

**VISIT TO KEW GARDENS
TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018**

Kew is probably the world's most famous botanic garden, home to the largest and most diverse plant collection, growing out in the Gardens and inside the glasshouses, the most famous being the Victorian Palm House. For those with a head for heights the Treetop Walkway will provide an opportunity to walk amongst the top of the trees and take in breath-taking views across the Gardens and beyond. There is the Georgian Pagoda, Queen Charlotte's Cottage and Kew Palace, all worth visiting. The cafés and restaurants offer lots of choice and picnics are allowed. Mobility scooters are available but *must* be booked in advance on 020 8332 5121.

The cost will be £30.00 for transport and entry to the gardens and £15.00 for members of Kew Gardens and Westonbirt Arboretum (please ensure you bring your card to secure free entry). Refreshments are not included in the price.

Travel times:

Barnes coach pick up High Street (The Polly) Marlborough at **8.45am**

An Ogbourne St Andrew pickup **at 9.00am** may be possible, see booking form

Return to Marlborough at approx. **6.15pm**.

Please return the booking form below by **8th May** if you would like to come.

**BOOKING FORM
VISIT TO KEW GARDENS
TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018**

Name

Address

Phone

The cost will be £30.00 or £15.00 for members of Kew Gardens and Westonbirt Arboretum (*please ensure you bring your card to secure free entry*).

I am/am not a member of Kew or Westonbirt (*please delete as appropriate*).

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Marlborough Gardening Association.

If you would like to be picked up in Ogbourne St Andrew please tick here, and depending on numbers this may be possible (you will be advised).

*Please send this form together with your cheque by **8th May** to:
Amelia Trevethick, Granham Thatch, Granham Hill, Marlborough SN8 4DW*

**VISIT TO HIDCOTE AND KIFTSGATE COURT GARDEN
ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018**

Hidcote is one of the best-known and most influential Arts and Crafts gardens in Britain, with its linked "rooms" of hedges, rare trees, shrubs and herbaceous borders which we will visit in conjunction with Kiftsgate, a garden created by three generations of women gardeners. Whether we time it right to see the amazing Kiftsgate rose remains to be seen. Mobility scooters are available at Hidcote, but not at Kiftsgate which contains some steep paths. Both offer cafes facilities and plant sales.

The cost will be £22.50 for National Trust members and £34.50 for non-NT members for coach and entry to house and gardens. *National Trust members – please bring your membership card to secure free entry.* Refreshments are not included in the price. There are cafes at both gardens and picnics are allowed at Hidcote.

To book a mobility scooter at Hidcote please call in advance 01386 438333.

Travel times:

Barnes coach pick up High Street (The Polly) Marlborough at **8.50 am**

An Ogbourne St Andrew pickup at **9.05 am** may be possible, see booking form (*you will be advised*).

Return to Marlborough at approx. **6.15 pm**.

Please return the booking form below by **13th June** if you would like to come.

**BOOKING FORM
VISIT TO HIDCOTE AND KIFTSGATE COURT GARDEN
ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018**

Name

Address

Phone

Cost £34.50 per person or £22.50 if NT member.

I am/am not a member of the National Trust (*please delete as appropriate*).

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Marlborough Gardening Association.

If you would prefer to be picked up in Ogbourne St Andrew please tick here, and depending on numbers this may be possible.

*Please send this form together with your cheque by **13th June** to:
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**CELEBRATING ART IN THE GARDEN 2018 AT URCHFONT MANOR
WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY 2018 ADMISSION £5**

This year Urchfont Manor is hosting the 2018 exhibition 'Celebrating Art in the Garden'. This trip offers the chance to view more than 100 works of art by 23 contemporary sculptors, displayed throughout the garden, orchard and parkland. Large parts of the garden have recently been redesigned by del Buono Gazerwitz. The team of landscape architects were awarded a gold medal at the 2014 Chelsea Flower Show.

We plan to visit this exhibition using cars instead of a coach and plan to coordinate member drivers and passengers to leave George Lane car park at 2pm, returning at approx. 5.00p

Afternoon tea will be available in the stable yard café. While a pop-up shop will be offering work for immediate sale by participating artists.

Visitors using wheelchairs should note that although the site is flat, access to most parts of the garden is over mown grass paths and these may be difficult for users of push only wheelchairs. Parking for people with a disability will be available on site.

If you are interested in this trip please put the date and time in your diary now (as it is additional to the trips outlined in the 2018/19 Programme). We will compile a list of people who would like to join the trip at the April and May meetings.

**ENJOY SUNDAY BRUNCH AND MORE ON THE GREEN IN ALDBOURNE
SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 11AM - 2PM**

This is the perfect timing for brunch – we anticipate a choice of delicious food on the go – from Indian takeaways and filled crepes to burgers cooked to order - not to mention a glass of prosecco from the back of a converted tuk tuk. April is the perfect time to fill those awkward gaps in the garden for later summer flowering. We will also have a range of other stalls where you can browse and buy from local food and

drink makers, craftsmen, artists, and sellers of imaginatively recycled goods. So do put the date in your diary for an event not to be missed!

The market is organised by Village Green. We welcome new traders and charge traders £5 for their pitch. Charities are exempt.

Contact Lesley on 540180 if you would like to join us!

**The copy deadline for the May Newsletter is Wednesday 25th April.
Contributions to anne@unicorn9.plus.com**