

Somerset Gardens Trust Programme 2018



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This programme is our main way of raising income to support the aims of the Trust and we aim to produce an interesting and relevant programme which is accessible to our members across the county. Suggestions for and help with events is always welcome.

Tickets for February will be allocated soonest and for the remaining events from the first week in March. Should an event be oversubscribed we will endeavour to allocate tickets fairly and let you know if you are on a waiting list or sadly unsuccessful. If numbers permit, you may be able to bring a guest. We charge a £2 supplement over the event price and £3 for members of the public (refundable on joining the Trust at that event).

Cancellation Policy. There will be no refund of ticket costs unless a replacement participant can be found and the amount exceeds £10. The sole exception will be for serious illness if the organiser is notified before the visit.

Disclaimer: Members are expected to take reasonable care during visits. Neither Somerset Garden Trust nor its officers accept liability for accidents.

Date	Event	Description
Wednesday 21 February Self-drive 2.00 pm £12 (includes tea and cakes)	Camerton Court Camerton Hill BA2 0PU	We start our programme by kind invitation of the Biggs family to see the snowdrops at Camerton Court where vast areas have been planted and now produce a magnificent display. This extensive garden has lakes, a walled garden and also an arboretum.
Tuesday 27 February Self-drive 2.00 pm £5 (includes tea and cakes)	All Around Is Fairy Ground: Repton & the Regency Garden A talk by Dr Laura Mayer At the Rowe Hall, The Mint Methodist Centre Fore Street Exeter EX4 3AT	Devon Gardens Trust has invited us to join them for a talk on Humphry Repton which traces his designs from their picturesque beginnings to the progressive gardenesque style of Endsleigh in Devon. Laura Mayer is an independent lecturer and researcher. She holds an MA in Garden History and a PhD on eighteenth-century landscape design and has published extensively.
Thursday 15 March Self-drive 6.30 pm £8	Revealing Repton: Approaches to the Art of Landscape Gardening A talk by Stephen Daniels at the Museum of Bath Architecture The Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel The Paragon The Vineyards Bath, BA1 5NA	In the anniversary year of Repton, the National Gardens Trust has organised this lecture. Booking for this event is through the Gardens Trust website or tickets can be obtained from the Museum of Bath Architecture where the lecture is being held.

<p>Thursday 26 April Mill Wood, Halswell Self-drive 11.00 am and 2.00 pm £17 (includes lunch and hot drinks)</p>	<p>Mill Wood Haswell Halswell Park Goathurst Bridgwater TA5 2DH</p>	<p>Halswell Park, a Grade I listed house and Grade II listed park was the venue for our 25th Anniversary party. Edward Strachan, the owner, will once again host our visit. We will see the extensive work done to restore the 18th century pleasure gardens, which are situated about half a mile to the west of the house. They were once described as a mystical place of Druids' huts, waterfalls, bridges, mock ruins and classical temples scattered around its five lakes.</p> <p>Devon Garden Trust will be joining us for this visit, and so there will be 2 sessions one at 11.00 am and one after lunch at 2.00 pm.</p>
<p>Thursday 24 May By coach 08.30 am Depart Taunton 10.45 am Arrive Kiftsgate Coffee on arrival</p> <p>Bring your own Picnic Lunch</p> <p>2.15 pm Arrive at Daglingworth Tea provided</p> <p>Depart 4.15 pm Arrive Taunton 5.45 pm</p> <p>£46 (includes coffee and tea)</p>	<p>Kiftsgate Court Chipping Campden GL55 6LN and Daglingworth House Cirencester GL7 7AG</p>	<p>A full day coach trip to two very different Gloucestershire gardens. Kiftsgate is normally closed on a Thursday but will be open especially for us. After coffee on arrival, Anne Chambers, the third member of her family to own Kiftsgate Gardens will give us an introductory talk. We will then be free to explore extensive gardens and see wonderful old borders intermingled with exciting new garden designs, not forgetting the famous Kiftsgate rose.</p> <p>Please bring your own picnic lunch which we can enjoy at Kiftsgate.</p> <p>In the afternoon, Etta Howard will give an introductory talk on her garden. We will then be shown around by Etta and her husband David and explore the wonderful views, water features and small rooms within the garden of surprises. Tea will be served.</p> <p>Please note that walking will be involved in both gardens. Kiftsgate has excellent paths although some are on slopes and steep in parts. However there are alternative routes.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 June Self-drive 2.00 pm £23 (includes cream tea)</p>	<p>Ston Easton Park Ston Easton Bath BA3 4DF Lecture and garden walk with John Phibbs "Humphry Repton, making Nature natural"</p>	<p>Now a country house hotel, Ston Easton has the only remaining Humphry Repton landscape in Somerset. There is also a facsimile copy of his Red Book outlining his plans for the garden. We are most fortunate to have renowned Garden historian John Phibbs to walk us around the garden and talk to us about Repton's time in Somerset and the work he is undertaking at Devon's Luscombe Castle.</p>

Thursday 28 June Self-drive 2.30 pm £8.50 (includes tea and cakes)	Hainbury Mill Farm Ilchester Yeovil BA22 8LB	This is a charming farmhouse with old mill attached. It has a lovely garden which runs beside the river Yeo, planted with roses, shrubs, and iris. Anthony and Teresa Myers will show us his hydroelectric plant which works with water from the mill race. Tea and cake will be provided.
Monday July 9 to Thursday 12 By coach	Herefordshire Gardens	Details and booking form are being sent out separately.
Monday 3 September Self-drive 5.00 pm £10 (includes drinks and canapes)	Stoberry House Stoberry Park Wells BA5 3LD	Situated with stunning views over Wells and the Vale of Avalon, especially in the early evening. SGT members Tim and Frances Meeres Young will welcome us to this six acre garden. It provides a stunning combination of vistas, wildlife ponds, sculpture, and walled garden. Drinks and nibbles will be served in the Orangery. The AGM will be held at 6pm. There is no charge should you just wish to attend this meeting.

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Please would you let us know if you wish to receive this programme and booking form by **email only** in the future. Postage and printing costs, although kept to a minimum, are not inconsiderable.

Sadly Allt-y-Bela is not having visitors this year; so we will not be able to offer this popular visit as we had hoped.