CORBRIDGE GARDENING SOCIETY DAY VISITS 2017

MONDAY, 29th MAY. WYNYARD HALL and THORNTON HALL GARDENS. Depart CORBRIDGE 8.40am. Return approx. 6.00pm. COST £35-00. Closing date 19th May.

WYNYARD HALL GARDEN. The present Garden, designed by Alistair Baldwin and Michael Marriot, has 3,000 roses of many types and varieties and colourful well-stocked borders with perennials, shrubs and trees and attractive water features. There is an Edible Garden with fruits, vegetables and herbs which are used by the Chefs and surplus can be purchased from the Farm Shop.

The Cafe overlooks the garden and serves a variety of home-made dishes and snacks.

THORNTON HALL GARDEN. The three walled gardens were once grazing areas. Over the years they have been developed into the attractive plantsman's garden we see today. Colourful themed borders with some unusual perennials, carefully selected shrubs and trees provide year round interest. Water features including a pond with stream and waterfall and a wildlife pond have been added. There is also a vegetable garden.

Our visit coincides with the Specialist Plants Fair held annually. Light refreshments available.

TUESDAY, 18th JULY. HOWICK HALL GARDEN. Afternoon Visit. OWN TRANSPORT. Arrive 1-00pm. when we will have a short introductory talk. COST £6-00 Closing date 8th July.

This is a garden of many parts. To provide year round interest in the garden there is a concentration of summer planting in the borders and terraces where roses and herbaceous perennials flourish. In the rockery the emphasis is on summer flowering alpines with some high altitude species growing on a scree mound. The bog garden peaks in the summer, many of its plants grown from seed collected on expeditions for specimens for the arboretum. There are pleasant walks through Silverwood, known for its rhododendrons, and well marked paths in the arboretum where many of the plants are labelled.

Refreshments are available until 5-15pm. in the Earl Grey Tea House.

SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER. R.H.S. HARLOW CARR Depart CORBRIDGE 8-15am. Return approx. 6-00pm. COST £34-00 R.H.S. Members £25-00. Closing date 25th August.

This is an extensive garden with colourful borders, stream-side and scented gardens, an alpine zone, woodland walks and wild flower meadows. Additionally this is the weekend of the Autumn Plant Festival, a highlight of Harlow Carr's year, and the Sculpture Trail is newly opened. Refreshments available from Betty's cafe throughout the day.

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