

## CORBRIDGE GARDENING SOCIETY DAY TRIPS 2018

**THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MAY. LILBURN TOWER** Afternoon Visit. OWN TRANSPORT. Arrive for 1-00pm.

**Lilburn Tower.** Parking in front of the house.

Lilburn has 10 acres of magnificent walled and formal gardens set above the river, with giant lilies, meconopsis around a pond garden, rhododendrons and azaleas, a rose parterre, topiary, scented garden, Victorian conservatory, wild flower meadow, and extensive fruit and vegetables. There are 30 acres of woodland with walks and the ruined Pele Tower, and a C12 church. The garden is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Davidson. Tea will be available.

Location: 3 miles south of Wooler on the A697, NE66 4PQ, Grid Ref: NU 0207 2465

**WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE. DALEMAIN & LEVENS GARDEN** Depart 8:30am, return approx 6-30pm.

### **Dalemain**

Dalemain Mansion dates back to the 14th century, with a wealth of Tudor and Mediaeval buildings, set in historic parkland with views of the Lakeland Fells. There is 5-acre Plantsman's garden with richly planted herbaceous borders, a rose walk with nearly 200 old-fashioned roses, a Tudor Knot Garden, topiary dragon, and a wild garden of flowering shrubs and flowers, including a display of blue Himalayan poppies. The garden also features a magnificent Greek fir, *Abies cephalonica*, a gift from the botanist Joseph Banks in the 1840s. Dalemain received the Garden of the Year Award sponsored by the Historic Houses Association and Christie's in 2013. Tickets may be upgraded on the day to view the house. Licensed Medieval Hall Tearoom.

### **Levens Hall Garden**

Levens has 100 pieces of ancient topiary, the oldest in the world, in ten acres of gardens including an orchard, herbaceous borders, herb garden, English rose garden, fountain garden, wildflower meadows, and a willow labyrinth. The garden dates back over 300 years being laid out in the 1690s, and amazingly still retains many of its original features. At Levens, lack of fashion conscious male heirs and the fact that this was seldom the family's main home both contributed to this garden's survival. Despite financial pressures, this most labour intensive of gardens has been maintained, and the unique creation of Grahme and Beaumont preserved. Small cafe.

**FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER DAWYCK ARBORETUM & STOBO WATER GARDEN** Depart 8am, return approx. 6.30pm.

### **Dawyck Botanic Garden**

Dawyck, part of the Royal Botanic Gardens, is one of the country's finest arboreta, set in the scenic Borders landscape with views of Trahenna Hill and Dawyck House. Features include the Beech Walk, Dutch Bridge, a *Kalopanax*, a tree from the ivy family, Scrape Burn falls, and Dynamo Pond, which was used to generate electricity for Dawyck House. Italian stonework links garden terraces with woodland paths. Penny Bun cafe and studio for exhibitions.

### **Stobo Water Garden**

Stobo was lavishly laid out across a small valley 100 years ago by Hylton Philipson, a test cricketer with a love of Japanese design and gardens. A hump-back bridge built using traditional Japanese methods lies over a cascade of pools and waterfalls, which carry on in a chain of small rills. A tea house and large stone lanterns reinforce the Japanese aesthetic, along with many rare trees which have grown into huge specimens, such as *Acer palmatum* 'Atropurpureum', the katsura tree, *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*, and the umbrella pine *Sciadopitys verticillata*. No facilities here, but we will have a tea stop on the way home.