

PLUCKLEY AND EGERTON GARDEN SOCIETY

OUR 2026 GARDEN VISITS

For information on how to book these trips please see "How to book" in your Annual Schedule or the downloadable pdf on our website www.pegsoc.org/events. All garden visits are at your own risk. PEGS and individual committee members cannot accept any liability for loss or injury during the outing. Prices quoted may be subject to change.

Friday 10th April

WHITE HOUSE FARM, GARDEN and ARBORETUM Ivy Hatch TN15 0NN

Departure by Wealden Wheels at 12.45pm from outside The Black Horse, Pluckley. Cost £22.50 for members.

Booking deadline: Friday 3rd April.

www.whitehousefarmgardenandarboretum.com



Maurice Foster is a master plantsman and has been amassing a collection of woody plants at his home near Sevenoaks for more than 50 years. His garden is now home to more than 200 different kinds of magnolias, hundreds of hydrangeas, masses of viburnums and over 100 camellias as well as a fine arboretum and an outstanding collection of climbing roses. It is now a registered charity established to conserve their plants and serve as a valuable horticultural resource. Maurice was recognized for his services to horticulture with the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour in 2011.

Refreshments of tea and biscuits included. Aiming to leave the garden at 4pm.

Friday 8th May

DODDINGTON PLACE GARDENS Doddington ME9 0BB

Departure by Wealden Wheels at 1.30pm from outside The Black Horse, Pluckley. Cost for transport on bus £3.50.

Transport booking deadline: Friday 1st May.

Garden entrance to be paid on arrival: £14 per head, discounts available for RHS & HHA members and Gardeners World 2 for 1. Group discount of £2 pp possible if more than 12 full paying members.

www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk



Landscaped gardens surrounding an imposing Victorian mansion covering 10 acres. Extensive lawns and avenues of clipped yew and many fine trees. Formal sunken garden with pool surrounded by herbaceous borders. Modern sculptural viewing tower, Edwardian rock garden and a notable woodland garden, spectacular in May when we are going with azaleas and rhododendron. Spring garden planted with malus, magnolia and birch underplanted with hundreds of tulips.

Café. Aiming to leave about 4pm.

Tuesday 16th June

KENFIELD HALL GARDENS, Petham CT4 5RN

Departure by Wealden Wheels at 9.45am from outside The Black Horse, Pluckley. Cost £14.50 for members.

Booking deadline: Tuesday 9th June.

www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/kenfield-hall-ct4

The 8 acre gardens are part of a larger early 18th century garden built for the imposing Queen Anne house. The house has had a chequered past and the grounds were neglected for many years until the property was purchased by the current owners 20 years ago and turned into their family home. Much



work has been done to restore and develop the gardens. We are being given a 2 hour tour by the head gardener. The garden includes remnants of a spectacular 1850s specimen conifer collection, a restored formal sunken garden with circular pool and raised herbaceous beds. Also, a rose garden, new Japanese garden, wildflower meadow, natural swimming pond, vegetable and cutting garden, greenhouse and conservatory.

No refreshments available so we have scheduled a stop at Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Chartham on our return.

Wednesday 22nd July

Members subsidised coach trip: KEW GARDENS, Kew, Richmond London TW9 3AE

Departure by Carrs Coach at 9am from outside The Black Horse, Pluckley. Subsidised cost £33 for members.

Booking deadline: Wednesday 8th July.

www.kew.org



The world-famous Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew are extensive with lots to see and do. On the 132 hectare site there are iconic glasshouses, the Great Broad Walk borders, the lake, the Mediterranean garden and King Williams Temple, the rose garden etc etc. Just wander to your own itinerary or follow one of their themed trails. Choose from a variety of places to eat or bring a picnic. Plenty to fill the day.

To plan your day have a look at www.kew.org.

Saturday 15th August

GOODNESTONE PARK GARDENS, Goodnestone near Wingham CT3 1PL

Departure by Wealden Wheels at 10.30am from outside The Black Horse, Pluckley. Cost for transport on bus £7.50.

Transport booking deadline: Saturday 8th August.

Garden entrance to be paid on arrival: £11 per head, discounts available for CPRE & HHA members and Gardeners World 2 for 1.

www.goodnestonepark.co.uk



We have visited this garden a few times over recent years and it never fails to impress. The gardens are part of a large historic estate and have changed dramatically through the centuries as fashions have changed; extensive formal gardens were replaced with a landscape park in the late 1700s and further changes made in the 1830s. After suffering damage during WW2, the gardens were restored and developed and are now maintained by a team of gardeners and volunteers. They include the beautiful walled garden, the parterre and terrace, the woodland garden, the arboretum and gravel garden.

The Old Dairy Café is very good and serves lunches and afternoon teas but does need to be booked in advance as it gets busy. Call 01304 695098 to reserve a table or bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds.