

U3A Ems Valley Garden Group Program - October to December 2023

*The group meets at the venues for a 10:30 a.m. start unless advised otherwise.
(Venues may change due to unforeseen circumstances.)*

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10 OCTOBER 2023 - NB: program change

Wow, for our last garden visit of 2023, do we have a treat for you!

COLES – Privett, Nr Petersfield , GU34 3PH (30 min drive)

Coles is a new NGS garden and a member of the Hampshire Garden Trust. This description is from the owner:

"...we moved here 9 years ago... I drew a map and divided it into sections and it came to 24 separate 'gardens'... Autumn colours are going to be early this year (some of the Acers are already turning) so it could be quite colourful too. There is also a large fish pond... surrounded by the architectural planting of the grass and perennial beds that keep their structure even after the blooms are gone, and the lawns and glades are peaceful and inviting even when they're just green."

A post-war garden created in 1946-47 by the former owner of nearby Basing Park Estate. The original house has been demolished and replaced with a very contemporary, stunning, architectural design. The 25-acre renovated garden has Japanese Acers among ancient oak woodland and an arboretum for autumn colour.

Costs: £15 per person to include tea/coffee and homemade cake/biscuits, a brief talk about the history and nature of the garden and then people are free to either wander round on their own (a map of the gardens is provided) or join a guided walk of about an hour explaining the developments of the garden.



14 NOVEMBER 2023

ANNUAL AGM - Emsworth Community Centre

Marilyn Stevens, who gave a talk about roses last year, has agreed to return. This time she will give a talk on *Companion Planting*. Marilyn will also, very kindly, bring a few bare-root roses for us to raffle. We will also have a **SEED SWAP** so please bring yours along.

Please put this date in your diary. We have almost 50 members, albeit on average 20-25 members come to our garden visits; it would be wonderful to see you all.

12 DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We have booked Emsworth Sailing Club again for our annual Christmas Lunch. As soon as we know the menu and price, we will let you know – so watch out for our email. The number, as in past years, is limited to **30 group members only so that it will be first come, etc.**
