

## PLANNED PROGRAMME OF GARDEN GROUP EVENTS

- 19th May **Car trip to The Coach House, Ampney Crucis** – an exquisite garden in a lovely setting and an opportunity not to be missed. Although only one and a half acres the space feels much larger having been divided into rooms with yew and box hedging providing a sense of mystery and enclosure. There is something to catch the eye at every turn in this sheltered, secret garden. Cost to include tea and homemade cake or scones £10 per person.
- 16th June **Coach trip to John Masseys very special garden at Ashwood Nurseries, Kingswinford.** This will be a day trip with the main event being a guided tour of John's garden, featured recently by Carol Klein on Channel 5. There will also be time for lunch (an excellent restaurant and not expensive), afternoon tea and the opportunity to browse round the very well stocked nursery and buy plants. Cost per head £6.50 for the garden tour and approx. £11 for the coach. All food and drink to be purchased and paid for individually.
- 21st July **Car trip to Shuttifield Cottage, Storridge** – a lovely 3acre plantsman's garden with extensive herbaceous borders, a large old rose garden with many spectacular climbers, many unusual trees, shrubs and perennials, a small deer park and vegetable garden. Cost per person £7.50 to include tea and cake.
- 18th August **Car trip to Bourton House Gardens, Moreton in Marsh,** an award winning 3acre garden featuring luxuriant terraces and wide herbaceous borders with stunning plant, texture and colour combinations. Imaginative topiary includes a knot garden, parterre and topiary walk. There is also a unique shade house and a white garden. Throughout the garden there is an abundance of unusual, rare and exotic plants. Cost is £7 per person for garden entry only and there is a café where drinks, cakes and scones can be purchased throughout the afternoon.
- 15th September **Car trip to Brockhampton Cottage Gardens, Brockhampton.** Created from scratch in 1999 by the owner and Tom Stuart-Smith, this beautiful hilltop garden looks S and W over miles of unspoilt countryside. On one side is a woodland garden and 5 acre wild flower meadow, on the other side a Perry pear orchard and in valley below a lake, stream and arboretum. The extensive borders are planted with drifts of perennials in the modern romantic style. Cost £10 per person to include introductory talk, optional tour and tea and cake.
- 20th October **Coach trip to Bodenham Arboretum, Kidderminster.** An oasis of plantations, pools and avenues beautifully landscaped including over 3000 species of trees and shrubs from all over the world. And lovely autumn colours. Snacks, lunches and other refreshments can be purchased at very good prices in their excellent restaurant. Cost £6 per person for entrance to arboretum only plus £11 coach fare.