

## **PROGRAMME OF GARDEN GROUP VISITS**

### **22nd May Highnam Court Gardens**

**TRANSPORT** Own transport, leaving Homebase at 1.15 pm

**COST** Garden entry £5.50, tea/coffee and homemade cake £2.50

Over the last 13 years the gardens at Highnam Court have been totally and lovingly restored by the owner. The gardens surround several large lakes, with walkways around them. They are bordered by beds planted with thousands of plants to give colour and interest in all seasons.

### **19th June Old Wollerton Hall Gardens**

**TRANSPORT** Coach leaving Homebase at 9.45 am

**COST** Garden entry £6, Coach £11.40, Lunch £8

The simplest way to describe this 4 acre, intensively planted garden is to use the words of Chris Beardshaw. "I can show anyone, anywhere in the world, photos of this place and they all agree that it is a world class example of an English garden." A salad lunch is included and drinks, cakes, etc, can be purchased in the tea room throughout the day.

### **17th July Spetchley Park Gardens**

**TRANSPORT** Own transport, meeting at Homebase at 12.45 pm.

**COST** Garden entry and tour £11.50

This beautiful historic garden, surrounded by ancient parkland, deer park and lakes is set in the wonderful Worcestershire countryside with far reaching views to the Malvern Hills. The 30 acre Victorian paradise boasts an enviable collection of plant treasures from every corner of the globe including one of the finest and biggest private collections of peonies. Tea/coffee and cakes can be purchased in the tea room.

### **21st Aug Misarden Park Gardens**

**TRANSPORT** Own transport, meeting at Homebase at 12.45 pm.

**COST** Garden entry £7.50

This lovely, timeless garden, with spectacular views over both deer park and rolling Cotswold hills beyond, was created in the 17th Century and still retains a wonderful sense of peace and quietness. A hidden gem in the very heart of the Cotswolds. Tea/coffee and cakes can be purchased in the tea room.

### **8th Sep Waterperry Gardens**

**TRANSPORT** Coach leaving Homebase at 9.15 pm

**COST** Garden entry £6.95, Coach £11.70

Waterperry is a magical place where you are surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers, classical borders, modern planting, secret corners and long vistas. Home to the renowned horticultural college between 1932 and 1971, the emphasis was originally on food production. Over the past twenty years the gardens have developed and now include a formal garden, the Mary Rose garden, a waterlily canal, the long colour border, and a small arboretum. Lunch and tea/coffee and cake can be purchased in the café.

### **18th Oct Batsford Arboretum**

**TRANSPORT** Coach leaving Homebase at 10.30 am

**COST** Entry and tour – cost TBD. Coach £8

The collections at Batsford cover a wide range of plants from around the world but have an emphasis on the Far East. There are over 2,850 labelled specimens including about 1,300 different trees, shrubs and bamboo. Lunch and tea/coffee and cake can be purchased in the café.