

BUDE & DISTRICT U3A GARDENING GROUP PROGRAM FOR 2010

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. **Please phone or Email Marion before each meeting(01840 230678 or marion.aganchy@hotmail.co.uk).** This helps with organising car share & informing venues of visitor numbers.**Thanks!**

Jan. 6th. Shared lunch, plant & seed ' swap' . Witheven Cottage, Jacobstow.

Marilyn Daly will kindly host this meeting. Please phone Marilyn(01566 781211) to discuss what food you plan to bring so we don't have too much of one thing! Your plant can be indoor or outdoor & will be numbered on arrival. Later you will take a number from the ' hat' & go home with a different plant. If you have any seeds to spare, we can share these around after lunch. **Marilyn' s at 12.30. Allow ½ hour from Bude.**

Feb.3rd. Trelawney Garden Centre, Sladesbridge, nr. Wadebridge.

We will begin our meeting with lunch at Trelawney (12.30) then will go to one of the conservatories(2.00) where Nick Bacon will give us a talk & demo. on a variety of gardening subjects such as plants in containers, pruning(Incl. fruit trees) & many quirky ideas for using household items & products in the garden! He suggests a note book will prove useful! **Allow an hour from Bude to get to Trelawney by 12.30.**

Mar. 3rd. Higher Cherubeer, Dolton, Devon.(8 miles from Rosemoor).

A NGS garden opened especially for us. With lots of spring flowers, large kitchen garden, alpine house, greenhouse, colourful basketry willows, shady woodland beds & herbaceous borders. We will have a pub lunch (12.30) at the Rams Head in Dolton & arrive at the garden by 2.00.**Allow 1 ½ hours from Bude to the pub by 12.30.**

Apr. 7th. Coombegate Cottage, St.Ive, nr.Liskeard.

Mike Stephens(our speaker Dec.' 09), will open his NGS garden especially for us. There will be many interesting & unusual seasonal plants to see & expect an interesting guided talk. This will cost £3. each (incl. refreshments) **Allow 1 ¼ hours to arrive at 2.00.**

Apr.15th. Plant Stall at the Open General Meeting at the Parkhouse.

Please bring &/or buy, plants, seeds, bulbs & gardening sundries. Please tell other U3A members. Money raised will go to our U3A.Let Marion know if you can help on the stall.

May 5th. Hartland Abbey Gardens.

The bluebells stretch from the walled garden to the sea! The gardens will be full of colour & there are new footpaths to explore.**3/4 hour from Bude to garden by 2.00.**

June 2nd. Moyclare Garden. Lodge Hill, Liskeard.

We enjoyed our visit so much to this special garden in Apr.' 09, that before we left we had ' pencilled in' this year' s visit. So here we are, opened especially for us again! **Allow 1 ¼ hours from Bude to arrive at the garden by 2.00.**

July 7th. Winsford Walled Garden. Halwill, Devon.

This garden that the group visited several years ago has developed tremendously. As well as very varied summer colour, there' s 40 ft. high bamboo grove, 60 ft. long alpine house, restored teak greenhouses, ornamental grasses, vegetables & herbs. We will have lunch at the Junction Inn(**12.30**),Halwill & get to the garden for 2.00. **Allow ½ hour from Bude to arrive at Inn for 12.30.**

Aug. 4th. Agan Chy, Crackington Haven.

Marion will host a shared lunch (bring a small amount of whatever you like) which we'll have in the garden, weather allowing!. The 1/3 acre garden is divided into 'rooms'. There's a 'lawn' with shady borders, a wildflower 'meadow' with living willow structures & mowed paths to the wildlife pond & willow bed. Through a living willow arch to the next 'room' with grass, small pond, shady & sunny borders. Into the next part there's a greenhouse & a raised bed vegie. garden. There's lots more so come & join us.

Allow 1/2 hour from Bude to arrive at Marion's by 12.30.

Sept. 1st. Highcroft Gardens, Cargreen, (between Callington & Saltash).

This 3 acre garden will be opened especially for us. There's a Japanese style garden, blue, pastel & hot borders, an arboretum a 'prairie' with 2,500 plants, a pond & more! Entry will be £4 each. **Allow 1 1/2 hours from Bude to reach garden at 2.00.**

Oct. 6th. Higher Truscott, St. Stephens, Launceston.

Opened especially for us, this NGS, one acre plantman's garden has trees & shrubs with interesting underplanting. There are fine views & lots of autumn colour. We will meet at the Cowslip workshop cafe for a buffet lunch at **12.30**. then on to garden by 2.00.

Allow 3/4 hour from Bude to Cowslip.

Nov. 3rd. Planning for our 2011 program! Agan Chy, Crackington Haven.

You all have something to contribute to this meeting, if not ideas then join in the lively discussion to decide what we are going to look forward to next year! If the weather is kind, we can also have a wander around the autumn garden.

Allow 1/2 hour from Bude to Marion's by 2.00.

Dec. 1st. 'Gardener's Question Time'. Cottage Farm, Jacobstow.

Celia has kindly offered to host this meeting. Come & share your gardening problems, knowledge & opinions! Always a fun event! Bring your favourite reference books.

Allow 1/2 hour from Bude to Celia's by 2.00.

Hope you enjoy this program. I look forward to hearing from you every month.

HAPPY GARDENING !!!

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