

VISITS FLYER

SATURDAY 10 May – The RHS Malvern Spring Gardening Show

Pick Up: 8.00am Home: by 7.30pm Cost £34

It has been 7 years since we went to the Autumn Show and so it's now time to visit the Spring Show in its fine setting amongst the beautiful Malvern Hills. Meander around the stunning collection of [Show Gardens](#), lose yourself in the [Floral Marquee](#) and pick up tips from the experts in the [Allotment Theatre](#) and the [Plant Pavilions](#). Then find all the latest gardening gadgets and essentials in the vast array of trade stands. We have an early start and later return home so we have plenty of time to make the most of our day.

SATURDAY 14 JUNE - Mottisfont House and Gardens (National Trust)

Pick Up: 9.00am Home: by 6.30pm Cost: £17

(NT) or £25 (non-NT) This will be the best time of year to visit the famed walled rose garden but there is so much else to see that we shall spend the whole day here. Explore a house full of surprises and a garden of incomparable beauty. Mottisfont's land has been shaped and cultivated since the days of the 13th-century priory. However, it was the Mill family, Georgian landowners, who laid the framework for today's garden, with its extensive pleasure grounds, riverside walks and fine trees. There is also a shop, ice cream parlour and café. A buggy service may be available and there is also the opportunity to take a cold lunch in the marquee, as a group.

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – Marks Hall Gardens & Arboretum and The Beth Chatto Gardens (Colchester)

Pick Up: 8.30am Home: by 7.00pm Cost: £29.00

We spend the whole afternoon at Beth Chatto's garden but as we cannot arrive until after 1.00pm we shall visit Marks Hall on the way. These gardens and arboretum are set in more than 200 acres of historic landscape and there is a large Visitor Centre. From here it is just over half an hour to reach Beth Chatto's. Since the 1960s this remarkable lady has transformed her garden from an overgrown wasteland with poor gravel soil and boggy hollows into an informal garden harmonising with the surrounding countryside. The 7 acre gardens are now an inspiration to anyone who visits them. The accompanying plant nursery stocks over 2000 plants, all sold by growing conditions. There are tea rooms at both venues but as we shall be travelling

between the two over lunchtime you may wish to plan an early or late bite to eat accordingly.

More Information

- Book your place either at a HAGA meeting or telephone **Barrie Tackley** on **01494 565383** or **07923 059558** or email [**barrie.tackley@btinternet.com**](mailto:barrie.tackley@btinternet.com)
 - Fees are collected on the coach via cash or cheque (payable to HAGA)
 - Please give at least 7 days notice if cancelling else fees remain payable
 - Remember to bring valid membership cards, proof of age etc.
 - Please be at the pick up point by 10 minutes before departure
- Pick Up Points : (i) The Harrow (ii) Boss Lane (iii) Green Hill**