

LAMBETH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GARDEN COACH OUTINGS 2018

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| Saturday 12th May | Aylett Nurseries / St Paul's Walden Bury |seats @ £36 |
| Saturday 16th June | Polesden Lacey |seats £30, NT members £24 |
| Saturday 7th July | Magdalen College Gardens / Oxford Botanic Garden..... | seats@ £29 |
| Saturday 15th September | West Dean Gardens | seats @ £27 |

Saturday 12th May Aylett Nurseries, St Albans, Herts AL32 1DH

We are returning again, after many requests from when we visited in September 2017 for the Dahlia Exhibition. People wanted to see and buy the dahlia plants, which will now be for sale. This is a large garden centre with so much more to offer.

There is a very good Cafe but we might have a long wait to get served, as it is their busiest time of the year. It is advisable to bring a drink and packed lunch, just in case.

St Paul's Walden Bury, Hitchin, Herts SG4 8BP

St Paul's Walden Bury was the childhood home of the late Queen Mother, and the Bowes Lyon family still live there. We will be visiting the house and the spectacular formal woodland garden, laid out in 1720. Lined with clipped beech hedges, it leads to temples, statues, a lake and a terraced theatre. Seasonal displays include rhododendrons, wild flowers, magnolias and others in and out of season. This is also a working farm.

Coffees, teas and biscuits are included in the admission price.

Saturday 16th June Polesden Lacey (National Trust), Dorking, Surrey RH5 6BD

We will be visiting the house and garden at this Edwardian Estate, now run by the National Trust.

Its 30 acre garden has a long terrace walk offering fine views across the valley. The walled garden is formally planted including yew hedges, with the rose garden divided into four squares and sectioned by paths. There is an eye-catching view of the water tower. The rose garden should be at its best when we visit. Those who wish, may take a long walk on the estate.

Refreshments and lunches are available in the Granary café and Cowshed coffee shop.

Saturday 7th July Magdalen College Gardens, Oxford OX1 4AU

The 60 acres of gardens includes the Deer Park and College lawns. Of the numerous trees, some are over 200 years old. There are notable herbaceous and shrub plantings. The meadows are celebrated, and Addison's Walk is a pretty tree-lined riverside path by the Cherwell.

We are not allowed to picnic in Magdalen's grounds, but there is a riverside cafeteria where refreshments and light lunches are served.

University of Oxford Botanic Garden, Oxford, OX1 4AZ

The oldest Botanical Garden in Great Britain and one of the oldest scientific gardens in the world, it was founded in 1621 as a physic garden growing plants for medicinal research.

Plants from all over the world are grown in 7 glasshouses, water and rock gardens. 5000 different plants can be seen, many in a large herbaceous border and walled garden. The National Collection of hardy euphorbia s is here, and a fruit and vegetable collection.

A Pop-Up café in the garden sells drinks and cakes. There is a café across the road and several more nearby.

We can come and go at any time, but please keep your ticket! Those of us who bring our own lunch may have it in the garden.

Saturday 15th September West Dean Gardens, Chichester, Sussex PO18 0QZ

West Dean is a 35 acre historic garden in a downland setting, owned by the Edward James Foundation. The land stretches far beyond the garden. There is a two and a half acre walled garden with a fruit collection and specimen trees, 13 Victorian glasshouses with an extensive plant collection, and a large working kitchen garden. There is a two and a quarter mile circuit walk through parkland to a 45 acre Arboretum.

There is a restaurant providing lunches, sandwiches and beverages, and a garden shop.

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