

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS *continued*

Saturday 22 February, 10am—1 pm, & Sunday 23 February, 1—4 pm

**Hellebore & Snowdrop Opening Manor Farm , Hampreston BH21 7LX,**

We always have a plant stall at the National Garden Scheme openings of members Anne & Guy Trehanes' wonderful garden at Manor Farm, except for this special winter opening when Dorset Perennial Nursery provides the plants.

Saturday & Sunday 30/31 May, 2—5 pm

**Old Down House, Horton, Wimborne BH21 7HL,** After a successful year in 2019 some of our members will be selling plants at this NGS Open Garden

Also open Wednesday 3 June, 2-5 pm

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**Coach Trip to Encombe Gardens, and Eastington Farm, Purbeck**

Sunday 14 June, 1—5 pm

**Manor Farm , Hampreston BH21 7LX, NGS Open Garden & Plant Sale**

Sunday 12—Wednesday 15 July

**Coach Holiday to Cheshire**

Sunday 26 July, 1—5 pm

**Manor Farm , Hampreston BH21 7LX, NGS Open Garden & Plant Sale**

Wednesday 5 August, 1—5 pm

**Manor Farm , Hampreston BH21 7LX, NGS Open Garden & Plant Sale**

Sunday 9 August, 1—5 pm

**Manor Farm , Hampreston BH21 7LX, NGS Open Garden & Plant Sale**

Thursday 10 September

**Coach Trip to West Dean Gardens and Architectural Plants Nursery, West Sussex**

## DORSET GROUP



Welcome to the second edition of our new style “Events Brochure” providing details of all our events during 2020 — including our Holiday, two Day Trips and all the Speakers and Plant Sales. For more details, and reviews of the 2019 Events, please visit our website

**[www.dorsethps.org.uk](http://www.dorsethps.org.uk)**

This year we have added the notification for our own AGM in February, and as we shall be hosting National's AGM in March, we are enclosing the details for that as well.

You may book any of our events by completing a Booking Form, and sending it, with your cheque, not before 2nd January 2020 to the member of the Events Team responsible for the event. Alternatively you may book at any of our Speaker Meetings. All the trips and events are organised and administered by the following:-

- \* Barbara Gooch
- \* Elaine Lofthouse
- \* Leonie Oldfield
- \* Judy Spratley
- \* Debbie Steel

We hope you will enjoy all the trips as much as we have enjoyed organising them for you.

*The Events Team*

## DORSET GROUP

# DORSET HPS 2020 AGM

Saturday 22 February 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Dorset Group will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 22 February 2020 at Colehill Memorial Hall.

**Nominations for Officers and other Committee members** should be sent, up to 14 days before the meeting - Friday 7 February 2020, with a nomination form to the Secretary:

**Mrs Penny Cleaver, "Dorlin", Tom's Field Road, Langton Matravers, Dorset. BH19 3HN .**

Please obtain the nominee's consent beforehand.

Forms may be obtained from the website, collected at either Nov or Jan Speaker Meetings or from the Secretary at [dorsethps@gmail.com](mailto:dorsethps@gmail.com) who will post you one.

**Proposals for consideration from members under Any Other Business** should be sent to the Secretary as detailed above, 21 days before the meeting - Friday 31 January 2020.

On the following page you will find important information about Nominations for election.

### **Important Information**

- Additional copies of this Notice and Nomination Form will be available on the Group's website – <http://www.dorsethps.org.uk/>
- If you are interested in assisting Committee, with Group activities, without being on Committee please speak to our Chairman Debbie Steel.
- The formal Constitution of HPS Dorset Group is available on the Group's website.

*Penny Cleaver (Hon Sec)*

## DORSET GROUP

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2020

Saturday 25 January, at 2.30 pm

**"From Orchids to Pitcher Plants - the Extraordinary Flora of Newfoundland"**

Bob Gibbons, Wildlife Photographer

Saturday 22 February, AGM at 2.00 pm

Followed at 2.30pm **"Montana and Beyond—Clematis and all their Joys"**

Helen Picton of the Picton Garden and Old Court Nurseries

Saturday 28 March from 9.30 am TICKETED EVENT, see p4 of this leaflet

**HPS Annual Lecture Day, & National A.G.M.** Allendale Centre, Wimborne,

Saturday 25 April, at 2.30 pm

**"Terry's Favourites: Peonies, Hollyhocks and Foxgloves"**

Terry Baker of the Botanic Nursery

Saturday 9 May, doors open at 2.30 pm

**Plant Fayre** This is a chance for all members to sell their propagated plants to the general public or other members. Our excellent homemade cakes and refreshments are also on offer.

Saturday 26 September, at 2.30 pm

**"Making Beautiful Gardens from Scratch"**

Andrew Humphris, former Head Gardener of Wollerton Old Hall, now at West Lodge, Iwerne Minster, Dorset

Saturday 24th October, at 2.30 pm

**"The Evolution of Flowers"**

Nick Wray, a Curator at the University of Bristol's Botanic Garden

Saturday 28 November, at 2.00 pm TICKETED EVENT details to follow

**"365 Days of Colour"**

Nick Bailey, Gardeners' World Presenter

Saturday 12 December, at 2.30 pm

**"Mistletoe: Fact, Myth and Legend"**

Dr Michael Jones, Former Botany Lecturer at Newman University, Birmingham and Parasitic Plant Expert

All the above events will take place at Colehill Memorial Hall, Colehill, BH21 2LR

## WEST DEAN GARDENS AND ARCHITECTURAL PLANTS NURSERY, W SUSSEX

Thursday 10th September 2020

Unusually we visit a nursery first, and it is an unusual one! At Architectural Plants we will see the interesting, quirky and bizarre, the tropical and the jungly, both big and small specimen plants. All set within 32 acres of open fields and surrounded by farmland overlooking the South Downs. The café, set in a greenhouse and amongst the plants, serves light lunches and a range of coffees and cakes as well as local beer, wine and cider. And they don't take cash!

Then on to West Dean which has a 19<sup>th</sup> century Gothic house, designed by James Wyatt, with a 20<sup>th</sup> century Arts & Crafts garden, designed by Harold Peto in 1911. The restoration of the gardens began after the storm of 1987. Since then, a bold re-development programme has been carried out, designed to bring the gardens into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The walled kitchen garden features some of the finest Victorian glasshouses in the country - 16 in total, packed full of exotic flowers, seasonal fruit and vegetables, from orchids to nectarines, peppers and cucumber, tomatoes to aubergines. Other architectural delights include Harold Peto's spectacular 300ft Edwardian Pergola which dominates the North Lawn behind the main House. There are also four 19<sup>th</sup> century rustic summerhouses.

Wander through the extensive grounds, past rare trees and shrubs, ornamental borders, a naturalistically-planted pond. There is also a tearoom/restaurant.

Send your Booking Form and cheque to Leonie Oldfield at 57 Corfe Way, Broadstone, Dorset. BH18 9ND. Tel 07587 151357.

### **Included:**

- \* Return coach travel from Olivers Road, Colehill, departing at 9 am, returning by 6.30 pm
- \* Entrance into both gardens
- \* Driver's Gratuity

*If for any reason you cancel your booking more than one calendar month prior to the event, an administration charge of £5.00 per seat booked will be deducted before a refund is made. If such a cancellation occurs less than one month prior to the event, no refund will be made. Any refunds will be paid after the date of the event.*

HPS Dorset Members £21  
Non-Members £26

### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

In accordance with The Dorset Group's Constitution, nominations are invited for: the Officers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and up to 9 Members of the Committee.

Please note all these positions become vacant every year when all Officers and Committee Members stand down in accordance with the Dorset Group Constitution. Persons who have served on the Committee for a maximum of 3 consecutive years, or if necessary 5 years, without taking a year out may be nominated for election, only if the number of nominees is insufficient to bring the number on the Committee up to the maximum of 12. If vacancies remain after the election the committee has the power to co-opt any members of the Group onto the committee during the year.

All Nominees must be paid up Members of both HPS National and the local Dorset Group. There is time to arrange to pay your annual fees by cash, cheque or direct debit, in advance of Nomination.

For your information the Current Officers and Committee Members are listed below.

### **Current OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS until AGM 2020:**

**Chairman – Debbie Steel**, will have served for 3 years and would be willing to be nominated for re-election should nobody come forward.

**Secretary – Penny Cleaver**, has served for 1 year and is willing to be nominated for re-election.

**Treasurer – Richard Cooke**, has served for 1 year and is willing to be nominated for re-election.

### **Committee Members**

**Judy Spratley, Elaine Lofthouse** have served for 1 year and under a year respectively, and are willing to be nominated for re-election.

**Barbara Gooch, Jane Norris & Janice Walters** have all served for the maximum consecutive 3 years and will stand down.

**Janet Riggs** has served 2 years and is standing down for personal reasons



# HPS ANNUAL LECTURE DAY AND NATIONAL AGM

**Saturday 28 March 2020**

The National Hardy Plant Society holds its AGM in a different part of the country each year, hosted by a local Group. In 2020 Dorset Group will be hosting the event, which is combined with the Annual Lecture Day (ALD), to encourage members to attend.

The National Administrator deals with bookings, tickets, name badges etc whilst the Group arranges venue, catering, speakers and volunteers to run the day.

There are two lectures with AGM business immediately after lunch; between 110 and 150 delegates attend from all over the country.

Local nurseries are invited to attend and the Group runs a members' plant stall and raffle.

Following the announcement of the AGM in the July National newsletter many enquires were received and so it has been decided to publish full details of the day in the November newsletter and on the National website; bookings to open in late November rather than the usual February.

**SPEAKERS:** Keith Wile of Wildside Devon 'Creating habitats for Special Plants' and Mat Reese of Malverleys, Hampshire 'Malverleys, Making and Keeping a Flower Garden'

**STALL HOLDERS:** Avon Bulbs, CB Plants, Leesa's not Just Alpines, and Niwaki

**TICKETS:** £25 including cooked lunch or £18 without lunch. No charge for attendance at AGM only.

The Events Committee has planned the occasion but between 15 and 20 members will be needed to 'run the day'; helping with directing traffic, raffle, reception, plant stall, plant crèche and stewards to help and direct people etc.

In addition Dorset Group has decided to offer complimentary coffee and cake to delegates on arrival, so we need cake bakers and servers too please!

A meeting will be held in January of those keen to help, so please consider volunteering. Contact through the Group email [dorsethps@gmail.com](mailto:dorsethps@gmail.com) or speak to any of the Events Team if you would like to help or have any questions.

## HOLIDAY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**We recommend that you effect your own insurance to cover cancellations etc.**

**Details may be subject to change;** we will notify you as soon as possible of any major changes that have been made. Having given you broad descriptions of venues to be visited and the accessibility of those venues, it is a matter for each individual to assess whether they consider themselves sufficiently fit and mobile to access each venue, the coach and the hotel. Anyone with any limiting disability must take responsibility for themselves or provide, at their own expense, their own care assistant for the duration of the holiday.

### **1.Booking and payment**

1.1 A Booking will not be confirmed until a non-refundable deposit for £50.00 has been paid to the Group for each person in your party.

1.2 The Balance of the cost of the Booking is to be made by the 31st March 2020.

### **2. Cancellation**

2.1 If for any reason you or any member of your party wishes to cancel their Booking at any time, the non-refundable deposit element of any pre-payments you may have made will not be refunded.

2.2 If such cancellation occurs after you have paid the balance of the cost of the Booking, and within the 28 days prior to Holiday departure date, no refund of any payments will be made.

2.3 In the event of you making a Booking and paying a Deposit but failing to pay the balance of the cost of the Holiday within 2 weeks of the date by which it is due, the Booking made for you and your party will be cancelled and all Deposits paid in respect of it will be forfeited and we will be at liberty to offer such cancelled Booking elsewhere on such terms as we consider appropriate.

2.4 In the event that we cannot fill sufficient spaces on the Holiday prior to 10 weeks before the Holiday departure date we will make a full refund to you of your deposit and all other pre-payments made to us in respect of the Holiday but cannot accept any liability to you or pay any compensation other than as above.

2.5 In the event that the Holiday has to be cancelled through circumstances beyond our control less than 10 weeks before the Holiday departure date or during the Holiday itself we will endeavour to refund you so much of the cost of the Holiday as we ourselves have not been required to pay out by way of deposits or contractual obligations to third parties, such as coach hire, hotel accommodation and meals etc..

### **3. Other terms**

3.1 This Holiday is arranged under the auspices of the Hardy Plant Society (Dorset Group) and you are therefore expected to behave at all times and at all venues we attend in such a manner as not to bring the Society into disrepute. We reserve the right after due warning to terminate the Holiday of any person who in our reasonable opinion behaves in such a way as is likely to cause offence, danger, damage or distress to others and we will not be responsible for returning any such person to our Holiday departure point nor for any refund, compensation or other costs they may have to pay.

3.2 You are responsible for ensuring that you are at the stated departure point at the correct time as travel timing is critical to our itinerary. If you are unavoidably delayed, then provided you make contact with us prior to your departure time, we will seek to accommodate you at some other collection point en route. Otherwise, the Holiday will proceed without you and no refund can be made.

3.3 Please ensure that you limit your luggage to one small sized suitcase per person to allow sufficient space on the coach for plant purchases.

3.4 The coach driver is not insured to assist you so that any assistance given to you is at your own risk. You are required to comply with the driver's proper instructions whilst on the coach.

3.5 We may pass on certain personal details you have given us to the relevant suppliers of your holiday arrangements to enable them duly to perform their obligations to us. In making this Booking, you authorise us to provide such details. This complies with the General Data Protection Regulations as introduced in May 2018. Your Booking Forms will be held by the Organisers of the Holiday until a reasonable time after the holiday has completed.

3.6 It is your responsibility to acquaint others in your party, on whose behalf you make your Booking, of the conditions we have set out.

## **DAY FOUR**

Our final day takes us to a wonderful garden recently featured on “Great British Gardens” on the TV. John Massey’s Garden at **Ashwoods Nurseries** is a 3 acre plantsman’s garden bordering the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal that has an abundance of rare plants alongside familiar favourites. We have a tour booked with one of the gardening team. You may purchase lunch at the adjacent garden centre café before we depart for home.

### **Holiday includes**

- ◆ Three nights’ bed and breakfast at 4 star Macdonald Craxton Wood Hotel, with leisure facilities
- ◆ Dinner at hotel on days one and two.
- ◆ Dinner at Arley Hall on day three
- ◆ Lunches on days two and three of the holiday. You will need to bring a packed lunch on day one
- ◆ Refreshments at most gardens not serving lunch
- ◆ Coach travel by Laguna Travel
- ◆ Pick up and drop off at Colehill or Ringwood
- ◆ Entrance to all gardens
- ◆ All gratuities

Bookings will be accepted from 2 January 2020 with a non-refundable deposit of £50 per person and dealt with in order of receipt. Balance to be paid by 31 March 2020.

HPS Dorset Group Members (per person):

Double/twin/triple rooms £375 Single rooms £470

Non-Dorset Group Members (per person):

Double/twin/triple rooms £395 Single rooms £490

Send your completed Booking Form, with deposit cheque for £50 per person (payable to **HPS Dorset Group 2 a/c**) to: Debbie Steel, 7 Ebor Close, West Parley, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 8LZ

Tel 01202 877390, 07709 308002 or Email [dorsethps@gmail.com](mailto:dorsethps@gmail.com)

## **PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY**

- 9.15 am Registration, Plant Sales, Raffle. Complimentary homemade refreshments by Dorset Group
- 10.45 am Welcome and Introduction
- 11.00 am Lecture; Keith Wiley ***‘Creating Habitats for Special Plants’***
- 12.15 pm Question and Answer session
- 12.25 pm Lunch and Plant Sales , Tea and coffee
- 1.30 pm A.G.M.
- 2.40 pm Tea and coffee break, Raffle and Plant Sales
- 3.10 pm Lecture; Mat Reese ***‘Malverleys, Making and Keeping a Flower Garden’***
- 4.10 pm Question and Answer session
- 4.20 pm Closing remarks

Please refer to National’s November Newsletter for details  
on how to book your tickets



**Wednesday, 3rd June 2020**

Two local gardens on the magnificent Isle of Purbeck, their styles providing a contrast to each other – one intimate and the other expansive.

In the morning we visit Eastington Farm, a mellow Grade-II listed manor house, with four acres. Over coffee and cake the owner will give us an introductory talk about the gardens, where she battles with strong, salt-laden winds and thin soil. Beautifully restored stone walls protect and enclose the main flower gardens and provide a foil for the extensive planting.

Then on to Encombe, a substantial and historic 18th century house in a sheltered setting at the top of a broad valley and encircled by a landscape of open pasture. The owners have undertaken an extensive redevelopment of the grounds with designer Tom Stuart-Smith. Here we can picnic in the grounds around the lake which Tom describes as “the only infinity lake I know and a wonderful coup de théâtre”. The gardens are composed of sweeping borders filled with perennials and grasses, a Tuscan-style temple, a new stone terrace and a walled garden with a young orchard and flower meadows. There is also a kitchen garden and glasshouse.

Please bring a packed lunch.

Send your Booking Form and cheque to Barbara Gooch at Firswood, 64 Middlehill Road, Colehill, BH21 2HH. Tel 01202 882590.

**Included:**

- \* Return coach travel from Olivers Road, Colehill, departing at 10 am, returning by 6.15 pm
- \* Entrance to and refreshments in both gardens
- \* Driver's Gratuity

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**DORSET GROUP**

**GARDENS OF  
CHESHIRE**

**Sunday 12th—Wednesday 15th July 2020**

On our 11th consecutive holiday, we will be visiting a Botanical Garden, a garden with a National Collection, a nursery and various private gardens, some of which have recently featured on television programmes.

We stay for 3 nights at the 4\* Macdonald Craxton Wood Hotel, Parkgate Road, Ledsham, CH66 9PB which has extensive gardens, indoor pool and spa. We have dinner at the hotel for 2 nights of our stay.

**DAY ONE**

Our first stop is **Yew Tree Cottage**, Staffordshire, holders of the National Collection of Dieramas, where you will eat your packed lunch, then onto **5 Cobbs Lane**, Crewe. The owner of this wonderful garden is an ex Chair of the Cheshire HPS Group.

**DAY TWO**

We visit **Bluebell Cottage Gardens and Nursery** who specialise in Thalictums. The owner is a previous BBC Gardener of the Year.

Then onwards to **Ness Botanic Garden**, 64 acres of interesting gardens on the Wirral Peninsula. We have a tour by the gardening staff then your choice of lunch in the tea rooms.

A short drive takes us to **Briarfield**, Neston, a fabulous 2 acre plantswoman's garden.

**DAY THREE**

We start at **Stretton Old Hall**, 5 acres of exuberance which was featured on Gardeners' World in September 2018. In fact the visit is still on the internet if you wish to look beforehand. Then we have lunch in **Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden**, a community restored project space.

A short drive takes us to **10 Statham Avenue**, Lymm, a small but perfectly tended garden, bordering the Bridgwater Canal.

Our final destination of the day is **Arley Hall**, famous for its double historical herbaceous borders. A guided tour by the Head Gardener precedes dinner in the restaurant overlooking the gardens.

**HPS Dorset Members £30  
Non-Members £35**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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NURSERY**

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**HPS Dorset Group Holiday  
GARDENS OF CHESHIRE  
Sunday 12th - Wednesday 15th July 2020**

NAME OF PERSON BOOKING

ADDRESS

POST CODE

TEL No: HOME

TEL No: MOBILE

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DORSET HPS MEMBER?  
YES/NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME, TEL NO & EMAIL

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, E.G. ALLERGIES, MOBILITY OR  
DIETARY NEEDS ETC.

