

May 9th (Tuesday) The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, Nr Tavistock

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. 10 acres in a tranquil Devon valley, with nearly 6,000 plant varieties. Outstanding naturalistic planting. Tearoom & plant sales. £22.

June 6th (Tuesday) Fursdon House and Gardens & Exe Valley Farmshop and Café

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Our first stop is Exe Valley Farmshop and Café before we reach Fursdon House. This elegant Georgian house dates back 750 years and features historic family costumes. The gardens present both formal and informal planting. Tearoom. £22 includes house tour. 35 places maximum.

July 13th (Thursday) Kia Ora Gardens and Coldharbour Mill

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Kia Ora Gardens, Cullompton. Charming, 10-acre mature garden with lawns, lakes and ponds complete with water features and wildlife.

Coldharbour Mill is a working wool museum. Traditional textiles, knitting yarn and hand-woven rugs made on site. 12-acre estate, shop and café. £22 includes coffee/cake at Kia Ora and tour at Coldharbour Mill.

August 9th (Wednesday) The Oudolf Field

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. The Hauser & Wirth Art Gallery's contemporary meadow features Piet Oudolf's signature bold drifts of herbaceous perennials and grasses. Bistro style restaurant and farm shop.

Walk to Bruton Dovecote and Bruton, with 'vintage' outlets, shops, art galleries, restaurants and cafes. £20 includes guided tour of The Oudolf Field.

August 23rd (Wednesday) Bishops Palace & Gardens, Wells

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. This stunning moated medieval palace is surrounded by 14 acres of landscaped, RHS partner gardens, with varied planting styles, including a wildflower arboretum and Garden of Reflection. Cafe and shop. Wednesday is also Wells market day. £20.

September 12th (Tuesday) Dartington Trust Gardens and Crafts

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Impressive 26-acre Grade II* listed gardens, with beautiful vistas and sculptures,

ancient trees and many plant species. A focus on arts and crafts and locally-sourced food and drink. Restaurant and café. £20 includes guided tour.

October 3rd (Tuesday) Compton Acres

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. 10 acres of beautiful gardens and woodland with lovely views over Poole Harbour and the Purbeck Hills. Japanese and Italian gardens, rock garden and wooded valley. Tearoom, plant sales and shop. £20.

December 2nd (Saturday) Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens

Evening **COACH TRIP**. Evening visit to Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens Illuminated Trail, details to be confirmed.

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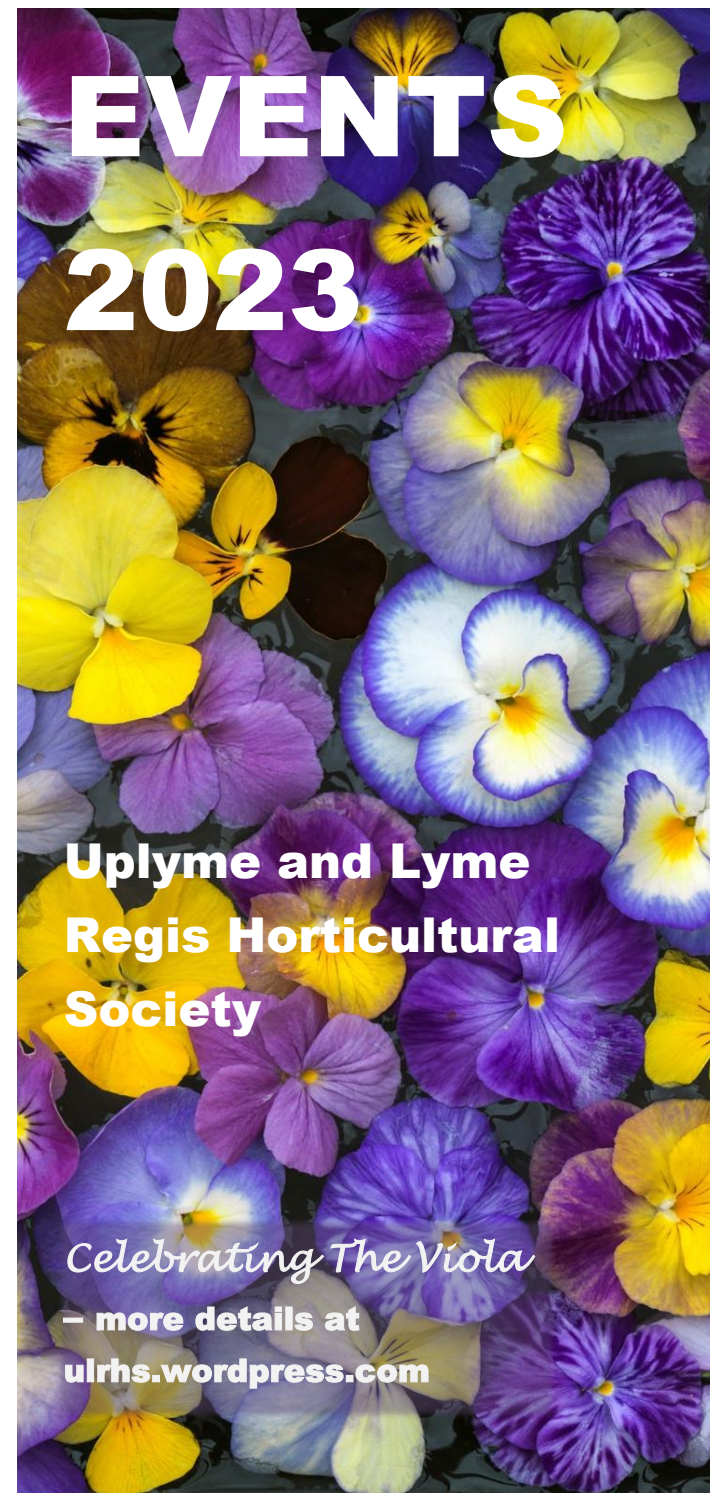
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- at one of our events or
- telephone or email our Membership Secretary Jenny (details above) or
- complete an online membership application form:
<https://ulrhs.wordpress.com/membership/>

With proof of membership you receive free admission to talks (except July's RNLI fundraiser) and socials; priority bookings for coach visits; and discounts from local garden suppliers Groves at Bridport and Beaminster,

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EVENTS and OUTINGS 2023 – at or departing from UPLYME VILLAGE HALL DT7 3UY (programme subject to change)

Non-members are warmly welcome to all events – there is a small fee of £3 extra for talks, socials and visits on each occasion except as noted. Doors open 30 minutes before talks begin for refreshments. For all coach trip bookings, please contact Jenny Harding, jennyhlyme@hotmail.co.uk or tel. 07773 604137. Coach pickups from Axminster by prior arrangement.

EVENTS 2023:

January 25th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Heritage Vegetables' by Sally Nex. Garden writer and professional gardener Sally looks at the wonderful history and stories behind our oldest vegetable varieties.

February 11th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING. Everyone welcome. The container and tuber for the summer show potato competition class will be on sale for £3.

February 22nd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'The Secret Lives of Garden Bees' by Jean Vernon. Bee addict Jean explores the weird but wonderful world of the bumblebees and solitary bees found in your garden, from buzz pollination to bee robbers. Jean's books on sale.

March 22nd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

DEMONSTRATION. Mark Bugler shows us how to plant up a magnificent spring hanging ball which includes violas – our featured plant this year. Free plug plants available to grow on for the summer show.

April 26th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Around the World in 80 Plants' by Prof Jonathan Drori CBE. This illustrated talk shows how the worlds of plants are intricately entwined with our own history, culture and folklore. Chairman's competition for best spring flowering bulbs, corms or tubers (pot or vase).

May 13th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING. Please donate plants, garden sundries or home produce (cakes, preserves, eggs, veg) to sell to raise funds to support our events. Entry £2 includes a cup of tea or coffee.

May 24th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Making a Butterfly Garden' by Martin Young, chair of Plant Heritage Dorset. Martin used to breed butterflies and moths; now he grows the plants that attract them. He looks

at how to plant and design your garden to attract more butterflies, moths, hoverflies, ladybirds and bees.

June 28th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Edible Flowers and Leaves' by Sian Davis of Incredible Edible Flowers. She looks at all the flowers she grows and the different ways her customers use them.

July 8th (Saturday) 1 till 5pm

SUMMER FLOWER AND PRODUCE FAIR. Competition marquee, fabulous artisan stalls, live music, family dog show, games and sideshows, and our ever-popular home-made refreshments. This year's show theme is *Violas*. Entry £3 for all adults.

July 26th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK AND DISPLAY. RNLI Week – 'Snakes Alive' by Dave Marsh of World Life. Get a close-up look at these fascinating reptiles. All tickets £4 from Lyme Regis Lifeboat Shop or ring Brian Cursley 07831 533580. Proceeds to RNLI.

September 27th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Bulbs that Create Sparkle' by Micky Little, Avon Bulbs, winners of 30 Chelsea gold medals. Micky looks at some of the prime examples grown at Avon Bulbs, and entertains us with a few exhibitor tales. Q&A session for all your bulb queries. Bulbs and plants for sale.

October 7th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

AUTUMN SHOW AND COFFEE MORNING. A fun, informal event with classes for produce, flowers, preserves and baking, all judged by public vote. Plant donations for Society stall welcomed. Show open to all, free of charge.

October 25th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'The Wonderfully Versatile Rose' by Michael Marriott. Michael is a world-renowned rosarian, formerly spending 35 years with David Austin Roses, so who better to learn from about these wonderful plants. Please note that the charge for non-members is **£5** for this talk.

November 22nd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

AGM followed by **TALK** 'The Art of Dishevelment' by Charles Chesshire. Bridport-based, international garden designer Charles looks at how we interact with our gardens, whether our choice is perfect order or complete anarchy.

December 13th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – details to follow.

January 24th 2024 (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Choosing the Right Veg for You'. Joy Michaud of Dorset vegetable seed specialist Sea Spring Seeds shows how to select the best veg varieties to grow for your individual needs.

OUTINGS 2023:

February 8th (Wednesday) NT Kingston Lacy 'Snowdrops' and House

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Over 40 varieties of snowdrop create a spectacular display. The house resembles a Venetian palace and contains fine ancient Egyptian artefacts and paintings by Rubens, van Dyck, Titian and Brueghel. Cafe and shop. NT members £14 Non-NT £20.

March 7th (Tuesday) NT Greenway House and Garden

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Agatha Christie's holiday home with many collections inc. Tunbridge ware, silver, botanical china and books. Woodland garden, restored peach house and vinery, wild edges and rare plantings down to the River Dart. Cafe serves light refreshments. 35 places max. NT members £14 Non-NT £22.

April 4th (Tuesday) Torre Abbey, Torquay

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Torre Abbey dates from 1196 and is set in 18 acres of grounds including borders, medieval garden, palm and cactus house, walled garden etc. Cafe and gift shop. £22 includes guided tour of house.