

OUTINGS (continued)

June 15th (Saturday) Cerne Abbas Open Gardens

COACH TRIP departs 12 noon. Up to 30 open gardens, teas and flower stall, open from 2pm, within walking distance of coach park. Picnic or lunch in local pubs and teashop. Maps provided. £20.

July 9th (Tuesday) Wimborne and Edmondsham House and Gardens

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. **Wimborne** morning visit; take coffee/lunch before **Edmondsham House** in the afternoon. The house dates from 1589 and has a 6-acre garden featuring unusual trees and shrubs. £24 includes guided tour at Edmondsham.

July 24th (Wednesday) Evening visit to Blackbury Honey Farm and Garden

COACH TRIP departs 6.15pm. A social visit to this family-run honey farm with wildflower garden and meadow. £7.50 includes refreshments. Please book by **July 18th**.

August 6th (Tuesday) Mystery Tour

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Give yourself an unexpected treat with our mystery tour. £20.

August 17th (Saturday) RHS Rosemoor Flower Show

COACH TRIP departs 8.30am. Specialist stalls and a 40-acre garden with woodland walks and a kitchen garden. Food outlets, restaurant, shop and plant sales. £20.

Sept 4th (Wednesday) Buckfast Abbey and Wildside, Yelverton

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Coffee/lunch at **Buckfast Abbey** with beautiful gardens and the Abbey Church and Monastery. **Wildside Garden and Nursery** was created by Keith Wiley, who takes inspiration from natural landscapes to create areas of planting from around the world. £22.

October 2nd (Wednesday) NT Dunster Castle

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Ancient castle and country home, gardens and working watermill, tearoom and shop. NT £15 Non-NT £25.

December 8th (Sunday) Salisbury at Christmas

COACH TRIP departs 9.00am. Enjoy festive events and shopping. Optional visit to NT Mompesson House in Salisbury which is decorated for Christmas. £18. Entry to NT Mompesson not included (NT free Non-NT £8.55)

Who's Who

For details of Society officers and committee members please see our website.

<https://ulrhs.wordpress.com/committee/>

AGM 2024

The date of our AGM in 2024 has now been set, on March 27th preceding Keith Wiley's talk..

Summer Flower and Produce Show August 3rd 2024

Further details of our Summer Flower and Produce Show will be published on our website and emailed to members when available. We are changing the format of our show and will share this with members as details are finalised.

Become a Member

- At one of our events or
- Contact our Membership Secretary Allison Crabbe, allisoncrabbe@aol.com 07711 312437, or
- Complete a membership application form from our website: <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com/membership/>

With proof of membership, you receive free admission to talks (except July's RNLI fundraiser) and socials; priority coach bookings; and discounts from local garden suppliers Groves at Bridport and Beaminster, subject to obtaining a Groves discount card from our Membership Secretary.

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EVENTS 2024

Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

Celebrating Herbs

– more details at

<https://ulrhs.wordpress.com>

EVENTS and OUTINGS 2024 – at or departing from UPLYME VILLAGE HALL DT7 3UY (programme subject to change) <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com>

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; text or call 07773 604137. Coach pickups from Axminster by prior arrangement.

EVENTS 2024:

January 24th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Choosing the Right Veg for You' by Joy Michaud, Sea Spring Seeds. Joy looks at how to select the best veg varieties for our individual needs. Seeds for sale.

February 24th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING. Everyone welcome. The kit for the summer show potato competition will be on sale for £3. Why not renew your membership for 2024 - bring £6 cash!

February 28th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'The Hedgehog Predicament' by Colin Varndell. Colin looks at the reasons for the hedgehog's decline and what we can do as individuals to help them.

March 27th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

AGM of the Society, followed by

TALK. 'Risk-taking in Landscape' by Keith Wiley of Wildside Nursery. Loosen the straitjacket of long-established horticultural practices and release your creative potential. Free herb plug plants available for summer show. (See also our September trip to this garden.)

April 24th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Hostas' by Peter Savage of Bowdens Nursery. Hosta expert Peter tells us all we need to know to grow hostas successfully. Plants for sale. (See also our June trip to this garden.)

Competition for best spring flowering bulbs, corms or tubers, (pot or vase).

May 11th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING. Please donate plants, garden sundries or home produce to sell to raise funds to support our events. Entry £2, includes a drink.

May 22nd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

DEMONSTRATION. 'Spring into Summer' by Angie Blackwell, Cottage Flowers. Award-winning florist Angie will show us 4 or 5 arrangements to make the most of our flowers.

June 26th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Gardening with Ornamental Grasses' by Katherine Crouch. Katherine looks at how we can use these wonderful plants to enhance our gardens.

July 31st (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK AND DISPLAY. RNLI Week – 'Birds of Prey'. Proceeds to RNLI. Get a close-up look at hunting raptors. All tickets £4 from Lyme Regis Lifeboat Shop or ring Brian Cursley 07831 533580.

August 3rd (Saturday) 2 to 5pm

SUMMER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW. A new date for a new look show. More details to follow. This year's show theme is **Herbs**. Admission £1 for all adults.

September 25th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK. 'Plant Hunters' by Ambra Edwards. Discover the origins of favourite garden plants, and hear tales of derring-do. Ambra's books for sale.

October 12th (Saturday) 10am to 12 noon

AUTUMN SHOW AND COFFEE MORNING. A fun, informal event judged by public vote. Plant donations for Society stall welcomed. Raffle. Show open to all, free of charge.

October 23rd (Wednesday) 7.30pm

TALK AND DEMONSTRATION. 'Unexpected Fruits' by Mark Diacono. Mark introduces us to the finest forgotten flavours, and the exotic foreign fruit that our changing climate now allows us to grow. Mark's books on sale.

November 27th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

DEMONSTRATION 'The Answer Lies in the Soil' by David Usher. This practical demonstration explores what soil is, and how to look after it to get the best results. Handout with useful soil-related information provided.

December 18th (Wednesday) 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL at the village hall. More details to follow.

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All coach trip costs include a non-returnable deposit of £5.

February 13th (Tuesday) East Lambrook Manor 'Snowdrops'

COACH TRIP departs 9.30am. Grade 1 listed cottage garden. Abundant borders of snowdrops, hellebores and hardy geraniums. Snowdrops for sale. Cafe and shop. £20.

March 6th (Wednesday) NT Tyntesfield

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. Ornate Victorian gothic revival house with spring flower filled terraces, kitchen gardens and parkland. Cafe, shop and book shop. NT members £15 Non-NT £25.

April 14th (Sunday) Exbury Gardens

COACH TRIP departs 8.30am. Magnificent spring colour in 200 acres with rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Restaurant / café. £25 includes steam train ride.

May 4th (Saturday) 'Toby Buckland Garden Festival' Powderham Castle

COACH TRIP departs 8.45am. Award-winning nurseries, West Country craft, artisan food and drink, live music and talks in the fabulous grounds and interior of Powderham Castle. £22.

May 19th (Sunday) Marwood Hill Gardens, Barnstaple

COACH TRIP departs 9.00am. A 20-acre haven with lakes, champion trees and spectacular views. Massed camellias and rhododendrons, drifts of primulas and iris. Tearoom and plant sales. £22.

June 5th (Wednesday) Bowden Hostas, Chagford and Sutton Mead Garden

COACH TRIP departs 9.15am. **Bowdens Nursery** hosts National Collections of hostas and agapanthus. Guided tour, coffee/cake, nursery. Lunch in Chagford. **Sutton Mead Garden, Moretonhampstead** Dartmoor views, numerous garden areas, unusual plants. £22 includes Bowdens tour plus coffee/cake.