THE EAST ANGLIAN GARDEN GROUP

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  Mrs Margaret Thorpe
  Mrs Elizabeth Wells
VISIT
Saturday September 22nd
Coach Visit to The Royal Botanic Gardens at KEW
http://www.kew.org/

Depart
Lavenham (Cock Inn car park) 8.00 a.m.
Bury St Edmunds (Stand 9 Bus Station) 8.30 a.m.

Return
Bury St Edmunds (Bus Station) 7.00 p.m.
Lavenham (Cock Inn car park) 7.30 p.m.

Total Cost £35.00pp
to include travel, entrance to Kew and an introductory talk by Kew staff.
The Kew Train is available payment on the day £4.00
Luncheon available at the Kew cafeteria or bring a picnic

Payment
Please make cheque payable to EAGG and send to the (new) Secretary.
Please ensure separate cheques are made out for each visit. Regrettably demand for some outings exceed supply, and separate cheques facilitate the return of monies for unsuccessful applications.
AUTUMN LECTURE PROGRAMME

Saturday 6th October 2.30 p.m.
Bob Flowerdew on The Perfumed Garden
Bob and his distinctive plait need no introduction. He is well-known from radio, television and major gardening journals. Bob is full of interesting, innovative ideas delivered with enthusiasm and humour.

Saturday 3rd November 2.30 p.m.
A.G.M.
Maureen Thompson is going to give us a talk on making her new Lavenham garden. After leaving her well known beautiful garden at Sun House, Long Melford. Maureen has woven her magic yet again, and in a surprisingly short time, to create a work of art in her Lavenham garden. Many of us have seen it, and what we all want to know is, how she did it, and so quickly too.

FORWARD PLANS 2013

Visits
Anglesey Abbey
A car visit to Anglesey Abbey will take place on Saturday 5th January. To meet at 11 am in the foyer.

Chippenham Park
A Car visit Chippenham Park is planned for Saturday 16th February
Under discussion is whether to upgrade this to a coach visit by including a visit to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.

Lectures
February: Ian Christie on Alpines
March: Richard Ford on Hostas
April: Val Bourne on Colour in the garden… by season
October: Bob Brown will talk on 60 years of gardening
VISIT To John Massey's Garden at Ashdown Nursery March 10th
James Reynolds

This three-acre garden has evolved over the past twelve years and now has sixteen distinct acres, all of which have been created to take advantage of the existing terrain or by modifying it. The garden slopes gently in a westerly direction and is bordered on its lower edge by the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, which makes an impressive backdrop.

The garden is packed with plants, some of which are rare and thrive in the optimum growing conditions, made for them. Trees are an important characteristic of this garden, with some experimentation of shape and form, which brought mixed reactions from our group. Other important features are the structures and sculptures, which are dotted throughout the garden. On our visit hellebores and hepaticas were prominent along with spring flowering bulbs. One could not help noticing the pristine condition of the borders and lawns, obviously involving much work maintaining them to such a high standard.

http://www.ashwoodnurseries.com
VISIT TO FULLERS MILL GARDEN ON 12 May 2012
David McLennan

Fullers Mill Garden lies down a forest road just north of Bury St Edmunds. The sombre gloom of the Breckland pines gives way abruptly and unexpectedly to light, colour and flashing water. Here under tall poplars, Bernard Tickner started making a garden more than fifty years ago from a wasteland on the edge of a gravel pit. From a cottage by a lock on the River Lark the garden now spreads out for more than seven acres sloping down to the Lackford Lake. Bernard's knowledge is encyclopaedic and like every good gardener he knows all his plants personally and the interesting histories that accompany them. His garden is an extraordinary lifetime achievement and his enthusiasm is undiminished.
When the East Anglian Garden Group visited on 12 May, we were welcomed by Bernard Tickner himself. For the next hour or so, we were taken on a tour of his kingdom by winding paths in the dappled shade of tall trees down to the edge of the lake. Ornamental trees and shrubs coming into leaf provided a colourful tapestry against which the blossoms of late spring were shown to best advantage. The beds offered an astonishing array of euphorbia in flower. (Two euphorbia hybrids found in the garden provide a significant income in plant breeders rights to the trust that now runs Fullers Mill.)

Some of Bernard's plants are unique to the garden including a variegated Lunaria. He also showed us a flowering example of Saruma, a small shrub that is new to cultivation Bernard was justly proud of his species paonies - of particular note were some fine specimens of P. mlokosewitschi in full flower.

On the lower levels by the mill pond are many fine and unusual damp loving plants including, on our visit, brightly coloured candelabra primulas ...

My own particular favourite on the day was a large bank of livid green Matteucca shuttlecock ferns bordered by white symphytum.

This is a garden for all seasons and would repay a visit at any time.

For further information visit www.fullersmillgarden.org.
Visit to Elsing Hall and Corpusty Mill

Elsing Hall

Jackie Rocker

Patrick Lines and his partner Han Yap may be fairly new to gardening but Elsing Hall Garden is proof that the bug has truly bitten them.

The roses that were out gave promise of the heaven to come in a week or two but from the wild flower borders, as you cross the moat, to the view through the moon gate and on to the very formal Osprey garden with its topiary there is plenty to see.

The unusual gingko avenue, the viewing mound planted with lonicera nitida and the new tree planting were all features to please the eye. Last, but definitely not least, jolly good coffee and biscuits to consume on the south front terrace overlooking the formal lawn borders, and the black swans on the moat rigorously guarding their cygnets.

Elsing Hall is a beautiful house in a very beautiful setting.

http://www.elsinghall.com/
Corpusty Mill
Jackie Smythe

The group visited on the 10 June 2012 and what a fascinating afternoon it was.
The ground was originally water meadow and, therefore, water is a wonderful feature of the garden - streams, pools a rill and an impressive small lake with the river Bure forming one boundary of the garden.
There is an intriguing combination of formal and informal, old and new and an eclectic mix of buildings throughout (including a grotto). The planting throughout is lush and impressive.

In a two-acre part of the garden (on the other side of the road) that has been developed over the past 12 years, there are some wonderful trees including a tetracentron sinense - unknown to most of us in the group.

http://www.corpustymillgarden.co.uk/
COMMITTEE
At the AGM in November two Committee places will become available.
Mr Jim Marshall has decided to retire and Mrs Elizabeth Wells becomes Chairman.
Serving on the committee involves just 3 meetings a year and a voice in planning speakers and visits.
Make a difference to your group and volunteer!
Chairman
Mrs Heather Massey will definitively retire, and it is proposed that Mrs Elizabeth Wells steps up to become Chairman.
President
Mrs Maureen Thompson will retire having completed her 3 year term. It is proposed that Mrs Margaret Thorpe is elected to President.

VOLUNTEERING
Refreshments at Hitcham Meetings
Please volunteer to assist Daphne and her team; it is a great way to get involved.
Names please to Daphne on 01284.755228 who will create a rota so that duties are shared as widely as possible.
SetUp
Lectures can involve quite a bit of setting up, any assistance is welcome.
Plant Stall
The Plant Stall is an important fundraiser enabling the EAGG to engage some of the more popular and at times more costly speakers. Interesting, well grown and clearly labelled plants are always welcome and sell well. We request that any unsold plants are taken back home.

NEW MEMBERS
We are continually on the look out for New Members to continue the spirit and energy of the group. If you have friends, colleagues or acquaintances who might be interested, please inform the Chairman. A full membership ensures the group stays active and can continue to invest in and command the best speakers.
WEBSITE
Don't forget to visit EAGG on the web
http://eastangliangardengroup.onesuff.net/
Here we have additional information about upcoming events
and articles written by members.
If you look you will see that Bob has put the articles about this
year's visits on there, plus there are the monthly 'Seasonal
Treasures' written by our own 'Greenfingers' featuring articles on
plants or groups of plants of seasonal interest.

OBITUARY
Mrs Eileen Huntsman
We were very sad to hear of the death of one of our long-
standing members, Mrs Eileen Huntsman. Eileen's zest for life
remained with her throughout and her prowess at Bridge was
evident until the end.
Eileen will always be remembered with great affection for her
very warm personality and amazing enthusiasm for all she did.

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10 Places still available
(at time of printing)
Kent Trip next Thursday July 12th
Restoration House, Rochester
http://www.restorationhouse.co.uk/
and Godinton House Ashford
http://www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk/

Cost is £33.00
Depart The Cock Inn. Lavenham 8.00

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Things to do

Garden Events
26th August Plant Heritage Norfolk Plant Fair.
Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett NR9 3JJ
1st September Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery Plant Fair.
Langmere, Dickleburgh. IP21 4QA
15th September Norfolk Nursery Network Plant Fair
Pensthorpe, Fakenham NR21 OLN
15th September Melford Hall Plant Fair
Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk COlO 9AA
16th September Plant Heritage Suffolk Plant Fair.
Helmingham Hall, Helmingham, Suffolk IP14 6EF
22nd/23rd Sept Plant Heritage Essex Plant Fair
RHS Hyde Hall, Rettendon, Chelmsford, CM3 SAT

Open Gardens- NGS
7th August Woodwards Blacksmiths Lane, Coddenham, Suffolk, IP6 9TX
19th August Gislingham Gardens Eye, Suffolk, IP23 SJT
19th August Beech Hall Depden, Suffolk, IP29 4BU
27th August St Helens High Street, Stebbing, Essex CM6 3SE
9th September Home Farm House Rushbrooke, Suffolk, P30 OEP
9th September Lucy Redman Garden 6 The Village, Rushbrooke, IP30 OER
16th September Spencers, Great Yeldham, Essex, CO9 4JG

Open Gardens- Red Cross
22nd July The Old Rectory, Little Wibraham, Cambs CB21 5LE
22nd July Dassels Bury, Dassels, Braughing, Hertfordshire SG 11 2RW
22nd July Snatchangers, 7 School Road, Downham, Essex CM11 1QJ
29th July Tollemache Hall, Offton, Nr Ipswich, Suffolk IPS 4RT
5th August Clare College, Queen’s Road, Cambridge, CB2 1 TL
5th August Ingatstone Hall, Station Lane, Ingatstone, Essex CM4 9NR
12th August Beeches, Grove Road, Walsham le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AD
19th August Hopleys Garden and Nursery, Much Hadham SGlO6BU
9th September Gislingham Gardens, Gislingham, Suffolk IP23 SJT
9th September Alswick Hall Plant Fair, Hare Street Rd, Buntingford SG9 OAA

Shows
3-S July RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
15-22 July RHS Flower Show Tatton Park
25th July Sandringham Flower Show
3-5 August RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show
12th Sept RHS Hyde Hall Fruit Identification
29-30 Sept Malvern Autumn Show
9-10 October RHS London, Autumn Harvest Festival
20-21 October Brogdale Apple Festival