

West Bergholt Gardeners Newsletter April 2023

Morning all!

Well, Simon White from Beales Nurseries gave us all a great insight into a lot of East Anglian gardens, didn't he? I guess some of them were familiar to you as they were to Peter & I, but there's still time to complete the list, which I set out below! It will certainly give everyone some ideas for day trips this year and you never know, possibly a Members' coach trip next year! If you have any preferences, do let me know!

I'm about to close my book on the Tulips Trip to Ulting Wick (24th April) and give our numbers to the Host. If you want to go please contact me ♀☐♂☐ **urgently!**

To confirm the notice our Chairman gave out, I'm shortly going to offer the remaining seats for the Wisley trip (12th June) to the W.I. and Flower Club members.....so if you'd like to go please contact me without delay to book a seat(s)!

Lastly on trips, another reminder for your diary which I hope to see you book at our next meeting, is the self-drive to Blunts Hall gardens, Witham, on Friday 30th June, supporting the National Garden Scheme. Our Hosts are really looking forward to showing us their lovely and we are looking forward to supporting such a worthwhile gardening charity, so **please** don't forget to bring your £10 with you on the 17th April and come and see me to book!

Here's Simon's list, including Beth Chatto and Hyde Hall Gardens, as follows:

Norfolk

Hoveton Hall
Bressingham Gardens
Hindringham Hall
Desert World (Barry Gayton's garden)
Plantation Garden, Norwich
East Ruston
Pensthorpe
Sheringham Park
Bradenham Hall (groups only!)
Gooderstone Water Gardens
Stody Lodge
Houghton Hall

Suffolk

Chippenham Park
Helmingham Hall
Haughley Park
Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds

Northants: Coton Manor

Cambridgeshire

Anglesey Abbey
The Manor at Hemingford Grey
Botanic Gardens
Elton Hall (Northants border)
Peckover House

Don't forget, Susannah Sharman is returning on 17th April to talk on Container Growing so will be bringing various plants with her and our LAST meeting is on 15th May when we have Bressingham's Jaime Blake (whom Simon mentioned) telling us all about "Around the World in 80 Plants". Both should be 'pretty' good!

For now though, I wish everyone a very happy Eastertime and do be careful when you restart gardening - although its very wet at the moment! - those backs have been resting for too long!! (I know!!)

Take care!

Shirley on behalf of your Committee

