

# NGS Openings Local to Sandhurst

## Beechenwood Farm

Hillside, Odiham, Hook, Hampshire, RG29 1JA

5m SE of Hook. Turn S into King St from Odiham High St. Turn L after cricket ground for Hillside. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> R after 1½m, modern house ½m.

**Wednesday 28 Mar (2 - 5pm), Every Wednesday 4 Apr to 30 May (2 - 5pm). Sunday 20 May, Wednesday 6 June (2 - 5pm).**

Admission £4.00, children free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust.

2 acre garden in many parts. Lawn meandering through woodland with drifts of spring bulbs. Rose pergola with steps, pots with spring bulbs and later aeoniums. Fritillary and cowslip meadow. Walled herb garden with pool and exuberant planting. Orchard incl. white garden and hot border. Greenhouse and vegetable garden. Rock garden extending to grasses, ferns and bamboos. Shady walk to belvedere. 8 acre copse of native species with grassed rides.

## Old Thatch & The Millennium Barn

Sprats Hatch Lane, Winchfield, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 8DD

3m W of Fleet. 1½m E of Winchfield Station, follow NGS signs. Parking in Sprats Hatch Lane in adjacent field to Old Thatch if dry, or car park at Barley Mow Slipway (opp Barley Mow Pub). Garden is ½m walk via lane or canal towpath, cross at Baseleys Bridge.

**Sunday 8 April, Sunday 1 July, Sunday 2 September (2 - 6pm).** Combined admission £4.00, children free. Home-made teas. Pimms if hot & mulled wine if cool.

Who could resist visiting Old Thatch, a chocolate box thatched cottage, featured on film and TV, a smallholding with a 5 acre garden and woodland alongside the Basingstoke Canal (unfenced). A succession of spring bulbs, a profusion of wild flowers, perennials and home-grown annuals pollinated by our own bees and fertilised by the donkeys, who await your visit. Over 30 named clematis and rose cultivars. Sometimes lambs in April and donkey foals in summer. Children enjoy our garden quiz, adults enjoy tea and home-made cakes. New for 2018, fernery walk.

## Hall Grove School

London Road (A30), Bagshot, Surrey, GU19 5HZ

6m SW of Egham. M3 J3, follow A322 1m until sign for Sunningdale A30, 1m E of Bagshot, opp Longacres garden centre, entrance at footbridge. Ample car parking.

**Saturday 12 May (2 - 5pm).** Admission by donation. Home-made teas.

Formerly a small Georgian country estate, now a co-educational preparatory school. Grade II listed house (not open). Mature parkland with specimen trees. Historical features incl ice house, old walled garden under restoration, heated peach wall, lake, woodland walks, rhododendrons and azaleas. Live music at 3pm.

## Westways Farm

Gracious Pond Road, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8HH

4m N of Woking. From Chobham Church proceed over r'about towards Sunningdale, 1st Xrds R into Red Lion Rd to junction with Mincing Lane.

**Saturday 12 May, Sunday 13 May (11am - 4.30pm).** Admission £4.00, children free. Home-made teas.

6 acre garden surrounded by woodlands planted in 1930s with mature and some rare rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and magnolias, underplanted with bluebells, lilies and dogwood; extensive lawns and sunken pond garden. Working stables and sandschool. Lovely Queen Anne House (not open) covered with listed *Magnolia grandiflora*. Victorian design glasshouse. New planting round garden room.

## 26 The Fairway

26 The Fairway, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 1EF

1½m from M3 J4. Follow signs to Frimley Pk Hosp. At r'about take 3rd exit B311 Chobham Rd. Cont on B311 L at 2nd r'about. 1st L into Fairway.

**Sunday 13 May, Sunday 3 June (11am - 4pm).** Admission £4.00, children free. Light refreshments.

Spring and summer is the ideal time to see the azaleas, rhododendrons and heathers that surround the house. Bulbs, primroses and winter hellebores give ground cover beneath the shrubs. Climbers and a variety of plants continue a theme to make way for summer flowering. A new water feature has been added, with other additions to the garden including a new flowering centre bed with a pergola.

## 56 Copse Avenue

56 Copse Avenue, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 9EA

Approx 1½m N of Farnham. At Shepherd & Flock r'about take A325 to Farnborough. At 2nd r'about take Weybourne exit. At T-lights turn L onto Upper Weybourne Lane. Turn R onto Oakland Avenue. At T-Junction turn L.

**Saturday 19 May, Sunday 20 May (2 - 5pm).** Admission £4.00, children free. Home-made teas.

Refreshments in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

A fascinating and unusual one acre garden in a residential area. The garden was originally landscaped in the late 1960s following the plans of a Chelsea Flower Show garden, but was subsequently allowed to become very overgrown. The present owners have restored many of the original features and are adding innovative areas of planting and interest.

## Handpost

Basingstoke Road, Swallowfield, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 1PU

From M4 J11, take A33 S. At 1st T-lights turn L on B3349 Basingstoke Rd. Follow road for 2¾m, garden on L.

**Sunday 20 May, Sunday 16 September (2.30 - 5pm).** Admission £5.00, children free. Home-made teas.

4 acre designer's garden with many areas of interest. Features incl two lovely long borders attractively and densely planted in six colour sections, a formal rose garden, old orchard with a grass meadow, pretty pond and peaceful wooded area. Large variety of plants, trees and a productive fruit and vegetable patch.

## 1 Maple Cottage

Searles Lane, off London Road (A30), Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9EQ

A30: Hartley Wintney side of Hook opp Hampshire Prestige Cars. Up Searles Lane (approx ¼m) parking close to rear of property. Follow yellow ribbons.

**Sunday 27 May, Monday 28 May, Saturday 2 June, Sunday 3 June (2 - 5pm).** Admission £3.50, children free.

Home-made cakes, gluten free cakes & biscuits.

½ acre garden evolved over 25 yrs, many ideas for smaller gardens. Shady, herbaceous and hot borders, wildlife pond with many hosta varieties, vegetable plots plus a wild area, and views towards River Whitewater.

Features incl a tree cave for children, and we feel we offer the most varied and quality plants for sale, from three experienced producers, incl a renowned local, retired nursery owner from Whispers.

## Dipley Mill

Dipley Road, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 8JP

2m NE of Hook. Turn E off B3349 at Mattingley (1½m N of Hook) signed Hartley Wintney, West Green & Dipley. Dipley Mill ½m on L just over bridge.

**Sunday 3 June, Sunday 17 June, Sunday 15 July, Sunday 5 August, Sunday 2 September, Sunday 30 September (2 - 5.30pm).** Admission £6.00, children free. Cream teas.

A romantic adventure awaits as you wander by the meandering streams surrounding this Domesday Book listed mill! Explore many magical areas, such as the rust garden, the pill box grotto and the ornamental courtyard, or just escape into wild meadows.

## Swallowfield Village Gardens

The Street, Swallowfield, Berkshire, RG7 1QY

5m S of Reading. From M4 J11 take A33 S. At 1st T-lights turn L on B3349 signed Swallowfield. On entering the village follow signs for parking. Purchase of tickets & map, opp The Crown.

**Sunday 3 June (2 - 6pm).** Combined admission £6.00, children free. Home-made teas at Loddon Lower Farm.

This year Swallowfield is offering nine gardens to visit. A number are in the village itself, others are nearby, so there is a mix of walking to some, with those in different directions needing a car or bicycle to reach them comfortably. Whilst each provides its own character and interest, they all nestle in rural countryside by the Whitewater, Blackwater and Loddon rivers which create an abundance of wildlife and lovely views. The garden owners, many of whom are members of the local Horticultural Society, are always happy to chat and share their enthusiasm and experience. Plants for sale.

## **Horsell Group Gardens**

Horsell, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4XA

1½m W of Woking in Village of Horsell. Leave M25 at J11. Take A320 signed Woking then A3046 signed Chobham after approx 1m at r'about turn L signed Horsell, with parking on Village Green outside Cricketers PH.

**Sunday 17 June (12 - 5pm).** Combined admission £5.00, children free. Home-made teas.

2 gardens and an award winning allotment in the village of Horsell. 3-4 Birch Cottages is full of charm with an interesting courtyard with rill. Walk down this long garden through into a series of rooms with topiary and attractive planting and many specimen roses. Birch Cottage is a Grade II listed cottage with a box hedge style knot garden, a chinese slate courtyard with planted pots and hanging baskets, a canal water feature and an active white dove dovecote, surrounded with an abundance of planting. Horsell Allotments have over 100 individual plots growing a variety of unusual flowers and vegetables, many not seen in supermarkets, 2 working beehives with informative talks from their owners.

## **26 Lower Newport Road**

26 Lower Newport Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 4QD

From the A331 coming off at the Aldershot junction, head towards Aldershot. Take the 1st R turn, opp the Fiat Showroom into North Lane & then 1st L into Lower Newport Rd.

**Friday 29 June, Saturday 30 June (11am - 4pm).** Admission £3.00, children free. Light refreshments in aid of Help for Heroes.

A 'T' shaped small town garden full of ideas, split into four distinct sections; a semi-enclosed patio area with pots and water feature; a free-form lawn with a tree fern, perennials, bulbs and shrubs; secret garden with a 20ft x 6ft raised pond, exotic planting backdrop and African carvings; and a potager garden with a selection of vegetable, roses and plant storage.

We also have over 50 named varieties of hosta.

**For further information about these gardens and hundreds of others go to:  
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