

Introduction

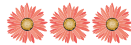
Welcome to the 2017 programme.

This year all of the visits are on days which are open to the general public. I will be there either in the car park or at the gate, at the agreed time, and will look forward to accompanying all who arrive then. Please e-mail or phone me if you would like to meet me there.

Please have a look at the NGS Open Gardens website for lovely pictures of the gardens, or the Yellow Book for travel directions. (Rosedale is on the website or in the Suffolk book).

Mileage in brackets is from the centre of Maldon. It's always a good idea to car-share, so please let me know if you would like a lift, or can give a lift.

If you have never joined us before, do come along for a very pleasant afternoon.



Sunday 23rd April - 1pm

PEACOCKS, Main Road, Margaretting, CM4 9HY (14 miles)

A 5-acre garden with a series of garden rooms, temple of Antheia on the banks of a lake, a woodland walk with spring flowers, a sunken dell, and various sculptures.

Cost: £5 admission, plus home-made teas

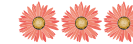


Friday 19th May - 2pm

WYCKE FARM, Pages Lane, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, CM9 8AB (9 miles)

A large cottage-style farmhouse garden with mixed borders, vegetables, green-houses, sheep and a fine view of the Blackwater Estuary.

Cost: £4 admission, plus home-made teas

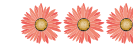


EXTRA DATE: Sat/Sun 17/18th June - 11am-5pm

TOLLESBURY OPEN GARDENS

I will be away, but heartily recommend this as a great day out.

Cost: Combined admission £4 for about 20 gardens, lunch or tea extra



Wednesday 21st June - 2pm

KEEWAY, Ferry Road, Creeksea, near Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8PL (12 miles)

This is a large mature country garden with stunning views over the River Crouch. Mixed borders, rose and herb garden, water feature, vegetable and cutting garden, paddocks and lake.

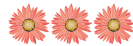
Cost: £4 admission, plus home-made teas

Sunday 23rd July - 11am (please note earlier time)

HAVENDELL, Beckingham Street, Tolleshunt Major, CM9 8LJ (5 miles)

A garden designed over the last 6 years. There are paths between one section and another, and many places to sit and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

Cost: £4 admission, home-made teas extra.

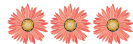


Sunday 6th August - 2pm

ROSEDALE, 40 Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk, CO8 5AE (24.5 miles). Take the B1508 from Marks Tey roundabout on the A12.

This is a one-third of an acre plantsman's garden developed over the last 24 years, packed with unusual plants, herbaceous borders, a pond and a large collection of agapanthus.

Cost: £3 admission, home-made teas extra.



Sunday 3rd September - 2pm

RAYNE HATCH FARM, Stisted, Braintree, CM77 8BY (17.4 miles)

This is a two-and-a-half acre garden with 4 ponds, an ornamental bridge, well-stocked herbaceous borders, a woodland walk, an orchard, a walled garden, arbours and ample seating. There are lots of small garden rooms to get lost in.

Cost: £6 admission, plus light refreshments.

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Garden Group Programme 2017

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