

EVENTS JANUARY to MARCH 2010

Snowdrops Days. Talks and a tour by Christine Walkden



Photo: © English Country Garden
www.english-country-garden.com

Snowdrop Days 2010

To add your snowdrops days to the list below please e-mail:

belladarcy@gardensandpeople.co.uk

BERKSHIRE

Foxgrove Plants Newbury 01635 40554 www.foxgroveplants.co.uk Feb 21, 10am-4pm.
Garden and nursery open, plants for sale, refreshments, ample parking. Entry £3, in aid of church

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Chippenham Park nr Ely www.chippenhamparkgardens.co.uk
Snowdrop Weekends 11am to 3pm - 30 and 31 January 2010 6 and 7 February 2010:
13 and 14 February 2010: 20 and 21 February 2010

CHESHIRE

Weeping Ash Garden, Glazebury, 01942 266300 www.bents.co.uk Walk, 11am, Feb 5.
Meet at customer services in adjacent Bents Garden & Home

DERBYSHIRE

Hopton Hall, Matlock, 01629 540458; www.hoptonhall.co.uk. daily Jan 31-Feb 28,
10.30am-4pm. Refreshments available. Entry £3.50, under 16s free

ESSEX

Gardens of Easton Lodge, Dunmow, 01371 876979 – weekends with soup.
www.eastonlodge.co.uk
Dates: Sundays February 21st and 28th, March 7th and 14th.
Entrance costs just £2.50 for adults, children free.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Colesbourne Park nr Cheltenham info@colesbournegardens.org.uk
Saturday 30 to Sunday 31 January 2010; Saturday 6 to Sunday 7 February 2010;
Saturday 13 to Sunday 14 February 2010; Saturday 20 to Sunday 21 February 2010;
Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 February 2010

Painswick Rococo Garden 01452 813204; www.rococogarden.org.uk Jan-Feb 28

HAMPSHIRE

Brandy Mount House Gardens, Alresford. 01962 732189 www.brandymount.co.uk Feb 4 & 8, 11am-4pm National Collection of snowdrops, also more than 100 varieties of daphne

HERTFORDSHIRE

Benington Lordship www.beningtonlordship.co.uk
2010: Daily Sat 6th Feb - Sun 28th Feb: 12 - 4pm.

LINCOLNSHIRE

Easton Walled Gardens 01476 530063; www.eastonwalledgardens.co.uk. Feb 14-22 For the first weekend Little Ponton Hall 01476 530342 will be part of this event

LONDON

Chelsea Physic Garden 020 7352 5646 extension 228 enquiries@chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk
www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/events Winter Openings: - 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th
February 2010 10am-4pm

OXFORDSHIRE

Waterperry Gardens near Wheatley www.waterperrygardens.co.uk 01844 339254 Feb 7 & 8 and Feb 14 & 15, 10am-5pm, Expert advice on how to establish snowdrops, guided tours of garden, 11am and 2pm (about 45 minutes, entrance fee applies. In aid of National Garden Scheme.

NORFOLK

Ravingham Gardens 01508 548152 www.raveningham.com February snowdrop days

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Hodsock Gardens, Worksop www.snowdrops.co.uk info@snowdrops.co.uk
30th January 2010 - 28th February 2010 10am – 4pm (last entry)

SHROPSHIRE

The Patch Acton Pigot, Acton Burnell, SY5 7PH 01743 362139. Plantswoman Margaret Owen has a renowned collection of snowdrops and she opens her garden on Feb 22, 11am-3pm, entry £3 in aid of multiple sclerosis charities.

Millichope Park 01584 841234. Trail in aid of Severn Hospice, 2pm-5pm, Feb 15 & 22. Entry £3, teas, children free

SOMERSET

Sherborne Garden 01761 241220; www.ngs.org.uk Garden open for National Garden Scheme, snowdrops and hellebores on show, 10.30am-4pm, February 14, 15, 16, 17. Entry £3.50, tea, coffee available .

SUFFOLK

East Bergholt Place, Suffolk 01206 299224. Garden walk, 10.30am, Feb 19, led by garden owner Rupert Eley East Bergholt. Tickets £7.95, RHS members £9.95, non-members call 08456 121253 to book

SCOTLAND

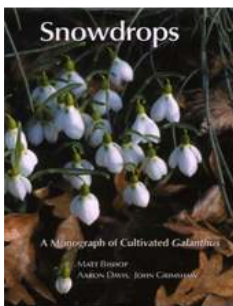
Cambo Estate nr St Andrews www.camboestate.com

Snowdrop Spectacular 1st February – 15th March 2010 Open Daily 10 to 5pm

FOR NATIONAL TRUST GARDENS SEE www.nationaltrust.org.uk

FOR ENGLISH HERITAGE GARDENS SEE www.english-heritage.org.uk

RECOMMENDED READING



www.griffinpress.co.uk

Snowdrops is the definitive work of reference for the genus *Galanthus*, describing both wild species and horticultural cultivars in an easily accessible way. Written over a five year period during which almost every cultivar mentioned was observed and its details recorded by the authors, it is an authoritative record of over 500 *Galanthus* cultivars. Each is fully described, and its thoroughly researched history is given. Complementing the histories is a chapter on eminent galanthophiles of the past. Other chapters cover the cultivation and conservation of snowdrops, and an appendix lists the addresses of snowdrop sources and gardens open to the public. The authors have all been committed galanthophiles for many years, **Matt Bishop** has a unique knowledge of snowdrop cultivars, together with ferns and other choice plants. He is Head Gardener at the Garden House, Devon. **Aaron Davis**, a taxonomist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, wrote *The Genus Galanthus* (Timber Press, 1999) and has travelled extensively in search of wild snowdrops. **John Grimshaw** has wide horticultural and botanical interests, and is now Gardens Manager at Colesbourne Park. He edited *Snowdrops* and contributed the chapter on galanthophiles.

'An Evening with Christine Walkden' tour dates 2010

FEBRUARY 2010

- Sun 7 Feb, 3pm, DERBY THEATRE, Theatre Walk, Derby DE1 2NF
01332 255800
www.derbylive.co.uk
- Wed 10 Feb, 2pm, CAMBERLEY THEATRE, Knoll Road Camberley Surrey GU15 3SY
01276 707600
www.camberleytheatre.biz

MARCH 2010

- Thurs 4 March, 7.30pm, LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, KETTERING, Thurston Drive, Kettering NN15
01536 414141

www.lighthouse theatre.co.uk

- Tue 16 March, 7.30pm, KINGS THEATRE, SOUTHSEA, 20 Albert Road Southsea, PO5 2SH
023 9282 8282
www.kings-southsea.com

APRIL 2010

- Wed 7 April, 7.30pm, ARTRIX, BROMSGROVE, School Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1AX
01527 572795
- Wed 14 April, 7.30pm, THE PLAZA, STOCKPORT, Mersey Square, Stockport Cheshire
SK1 1SP
0161 477 7779
www.stockportplaza.co.uk
- Sun 25 April, 7.00pm, HARPENDEN PUBLIC HALLS TBC, Southdown Road, Harpenden,
Herts, AL5 1PD
01582 767525
www.leisureinstalbans.co.uk

MAY 2010

- Sun 2 May, 7.30pm, BUXTON OPERA HOUSE, Water St, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6XN
0845 127 2190
www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk

JUNE 2010

- Thurs 17 June. 7.30pm, LINCOLN THEATRE ROYAL, Clasketgate, Lincoln LN2 1JJ
01522 519999 / 525555
www.theatreroyallincoln.com

See www.christinewalkden.com for other events

Talks

Essex Garden Trust Programme – Winter 2010 www.essexgardenstrust.org.uk

Saturday January 30th 2010 2:15 pm for 2:30 pm Writtle College

Warrens Lecturer **Prof. Tom Williamson** of University of East Anglia

Saturday 6th March 2010 2:15 pm for 2:30 pm Writtle College

Menageries Lecturer **Cheryl Sands**

Tuesday 23rd March 2010 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm Writtle College

The Point of Grass Lecturer **John Phibbs**

Lectures will be held in Room L53 at Writtle College, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford CM1 3RR. On arrival follow the 'EGT' signs to parking at the back of the main building. Enter through the sign-posted door at the back of the main building and lookout for further 'EGT' signs directing members to the lecture room.

Cost for each lecture is £2.50 for members booked in advance; £5 for non-members and those arriving on the day; Students at Writtle College attend free of charge. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available before the lecture. To pay in advance, please send your payment, name and address and event you wish to book

for to: Mrs. Michelle Freeman, EGT, Dorma, 36, Chitts Hill, Lexden, Colchester CO3 9ST To reserve a space or, for queries, please e mail events@essexgardenstrust.org.uk.

FOR FREE LISTING OF GARDENS TRUST EVENTS PLEASE EMAIL belladarcy@gardensandpeople.co.uk

Garden History Talks

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Doing it for themselves: the Victorian amateur gardener

Friday 9th April 10am - 12 noon, Dr Twigs Way £20 – booking essential

Murder in the Shrubbery: gardens in Victorian literature

Friday 14th May 10am - 12 noon, Dr Twigs Way £20 – booking essential

To book call 01223 331 875 or email education@botanic.cam.ac.uk

Send details of events for free listing to: belladarcy@gardensandpeople.co.uk

It would be helpful if you could follow the following format and order:

Event name, 10 words description, Venue, Date, Time, Price, contact number and/or e-mail or/and website address

(Similar to panel above in fact – colour background not necessary – just words!)

Pictures will be considered, but may not be accepted.