

NATIONAL ARBORETUM AND HILL CLOSE GARDENS

SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2022

National Arboretum: located near Burton-on-Trent, this is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance which is home to over 400 symbolic memorials. Situated across a 150-acre site, amongst 25,000 maturing trees, the memorials pay tribute to those who have served our country, including the Armed Forces, civilian and emergency services, and UK charities. The Arboretum features a contemporary visitor centre, events building, woodland walks, land train tours, exhibitions, restaurant, coffee shop and gift shop.



“Without a doubt the most breathtaking experience, peaceful, respectful and emotional. I would recommend that all go as it is amazing.”

On arrival we will be given tea, coffee and biscuits which are included in the cost. There is plenty to see at the 150 acre site but to save us the effort of walking round it all, we are booked on the land train at 12 noon. This 50 minute journey features a pre-recorded commentary and takes visitors through the grounds and the memorials along the way.



You can enjoy lunch in their restaurant which serves hot meals, snacks and drinks, or bring your own picnic to eat in one of their picnic areas. There is also a coffee shop and naturally a gift shop where you can enjoy some retail therapy before we move on to our next visit of the day.

<https://thenma.org.uk/>

Hill Close Gardens: a unique chance to visit sixteen rare survivals of Victorian pleasure gardens within the town of Warwick. Each has been restored to capture the personalities and planting of their original owners and includes a mixture of fruit, flowers, a grassed area and heritage vegetables. Hill Close Gardens have an extremely wide range of horticulture with many rare and ‘at risk’ plants, particularly in plot 17 and the Victorian glasshouse. There are 8 historic Victorian summer houses.



You can visit their Visitor centre with information about the history of the gardens on touchscreens. Cakes and cream teas, if you have room, are available in their Tearoom. You have yet another opportunity for retail therapy in the giftshop which offers garden-themed merchandise as well as plants, seasonal produce and fruit grown in the Plant Nursery.

<https://hillclosegardens.com/>

The cost for this outing will be £30 for members (or £35 for guests and non-members) which covers the land train, coach and driver’s gratuity. Entry to the National Memorial Arboretum is free. **Entry to Hill Close Gardens costs £5 which you will need to pay yourself unless you are an RHS member which gives you free entry.**

- Please make your own arrangements for lunch (picnic or use the restaurant/coffee shop at the National Memorial Arboretum)
- Departing Chalfont St Giles Village Green at 09.00
- Departing National Memorial Arboretum at 2.30pm and Hill Close Gardens at 5pm, arriving back in Chalfont St Giles at approximately 6.30pm depending on traffic.

BOOKING FORM

National Memorial Arboretum and Hill Close Gardens – Saturday 30th July 2022

I wish to book ticket(s) for the above outing at a cost of £30 for members, £35 for guests/non-members. I understand the cost includes coach travel and land train and **that I will pay an additional £5 for entry to Hill Close Gardens unless I have an RHS member card to show on arrival.**

I have paid £..... via online banking to Chalfont St Giles Gardens Association,
 sort code 20 02 06 account number 80256587 OR (delete as appropriate)
 I enclose a cheque made payable to “Chalfont St Giles Gardens Association” as attached

First Name:	Surname:	CSGA Member/ non member
1		Yes/No
2		Yes/No
Email:		
Home telephone number:		
Mobile number:		
Emergency contact name and relationship		
Emergency contact telephone number		
Needless to say, we hope that we will never have to use this information, but it would be helpful if you could provide it to save unnecessary complications in the event of an accident or sudden illness.		

This booking form will be taken on the trip and destroyed afterwards. We will not be storing it electronically unless you send it via email. If you are unable to print the form please ensure you let us have all the details requested on a separate piece of paper or in an email.

I understand the booking terms and conditions as detailed within this document.

Signed

Date.....

Please return the booking form (with your cheque if applicable) to:
 Eleanor O'Connor, The Homestead, Sycamore Rise, Chalfont St Giles HP8 4LD
 Email: elle.oconnor@ntlworld.com Telephone: 01494 875646 / 07946 629076
www.csgga.org

CHALFONT ST GILES GARDENS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER OUTING 2022

Introduction

Our coach outings to gardens and garden shows are enjoyed by all who join them and are seen by the committee as an important feature of CSGGA membership.

Not only do these trips enable us to be inspired by beautiful gardens, they are also a great way for members to meet old friends and make new ones. The outings and the gardens we visit are chosen to appeal to all our members.

Members are encouraged to make suggestions for visits to the CSGGA committee.

Booking Information

Please complete the relevant booking form printed at the back of this booklet and send it to the organiser. Payment is via online banking or you can attach a cheque. If you are unable to print the form, send an email, or write all the information requested on a separate piece of paper to accompany your cheque. This information will be taken on the trip and destroyed afterwards; we will not be storing it electronically unless you send it via email.

We will not cash any cheques until an outing has sufficient support. Cheques are not usually cashed until shortly before the outing takes place unless payment needs to be made in advance.

Members are allowed two places per household on a first-come, first-served basis and will be given priority for two weeks after the details have been announced.

All non-members, whether coming as guests of members or independently, will be charged a supplementary amount.

If places are still available after the members' priority booking period, members will be notified and offered additional places. Places may also be advertised through the village email newsletter and to other garden clubs to ensure that the outing is viable.

If an outing is oversubscribed, we will make every effort to obtain further places but if this is not possible we will keep a waiting list.

The closing date for bookings will usually be 14 days before the outing unless otherwise stated, but please contact the organiser to check if any further places are available after this.

Cancellations and no shows

Payment is non-refundable unless a substitution can be found. Please note that, for security reasons, the owners of some gardens require a list of names of those visiting their gardens. Where this is the case, it is unlikely that we will be able to make substitutions.

We are not able to offer a refund to anyone who does not arrive in time for the coach to depart.

If a garden visit is cancelled or postponed due to circumstances beyond the control of CSGGA, then we would hope to be able to reimburse the full amount of the outing, but this cannot be guaranteed if we are unable to obtain refunds from third parties.