

Garden visits start promptly at 2.00pm: please arrive in time to pay the booking contact with the correct money in cash beforehand. Refreshments available after viewing the garden (gluten-free cake by prior request). Book your place directly with the booking contact at least one week before the visit. Share cars if you can and follow the U3A guidelines for sharing the costs. U3A members only for insurance reasons.

APR 15th TUE 2.00pm Tower House, Craven Arms SY7 9LN (~ 30min) £10

A two-acre garden with unparalleled views of Corvedale; formal and 'meadow' flowers, vegetables, closely mown lawns, a small apple orchard; wooded quarry and a small pond.

Booking contact: Rosemary Illidge Tel: (01584) 819052 rosemaryillidge@btinternet.com

MAY 15th THU 2:00pm Hares Orchard, Leominster HR6 0DP (~ 20min) £10

A three-acre garden boasting a wildflower meadow with rare orchids. An owner-led tour with plant identification. Gravel & vegetable gardens; water feature and pond with bog plants and candelabra Primula; large greenhouse and a remnant of the Leominster canal. *** MAXIMUM 8 CARS ***

Booking contact: Jim Allen Tel: (01584) 810000 banjojim.allen@googlemail.com

JUN 16th MON 2.00pm New House Farm, Droitwich WR9 0PW (~ 50min) £10

One-acre garden featuring 'rooms' with pond, wild flower areas, walled courtyard with hostas, cottage garden, greenhouse, garden room, vegetable tubs and planters, water feature.

Booking contact: David Smith Mob: 07887 85218 perfectpaddocks@gmail.com

JUL 18th FRI 2.00pm Badge Court, Elmbridge WR9 0NJ (~ 50min) £12

A two-and-a-half acre garden with an owner-led tour. 500-year old Yews; topiary garden; walled-garden with greenhouses; orchard with rockery; two ponds; a Mediterranean garden; long herbaceous border; potager and cutting garden; and a Japanese garden with bridge, pool and tea-house.

Booking Contact: Carolyn & Roger Goodger Mob: 07581306070 carolyn.goodger57@gmail.com

AUG 6th WED 2:00pm The Grove, Presteigne LD8 2NS (~ 45 min) £13

A seven-acre garden divided into large distinct areas including walled, courtyard, and stunning grass garden; productive vegetable plot and greenhouse; arboretum with over 200 varieties of tree; riverside walk.

Booking Contact: Paul Bate Tel: (01299) 271264 paulbate001@gmail.com

SEP 18th THU 2:00pm Old Cottage, Bromyard HR7 4TG (~ 20Min) £9

One-third of an acre garden with herbaceous borders, summerhouse, wildlife pond, a small orchard, a pergola, cutting garden, fruit bed, and fernery. *** MAXIMUM 8 CARS ***

Booking Contact: Jan & Richard Punnett Mob: 07718907113 janpunnett@hotmail.com

OCT 16th THU 2:00pm Arley Arboretum DY12 1SQ (~ 45Min) £12

A tour by the Head Gardener of one of the oldest Arboretums in Britain: home to over 300 species of trees from around the world. The price includes £5 for the tour; tearoom refreshments extra.

Booking Contact: Alan Jenyon Mob: 07913 389544 alan.jenyon@gmail.com