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St. Stephens Gardening Club

*S.S.G.C.*

(Formerly St. Stephens Horticultural Society)



## *CELEBRATE OUR CENTENARY YEAR*

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

February to December 2023

GARDEN STORE  
Drop Lane, Bricket Wood

Open every Saturday  
2.00pm to 4.00pm

4 Feb to 14 Oct

13 Feb      **Tea & Talk - Ryder's Seeds of St Albans by Frances Watkins**

This talk was originally scheduled for Sept 2022 but had to be cancelled.

#### **FOLLOWED BY AGM**

Admission FREE, inc coffee/tea and cake.  
2.30pm Parish Centre, Bricket Wood

27 March      **Tea & Talk - A Funny Thing Happened on the  
Way to the Potting Shed**

by Nick Dobson

A light hearted afternoon of a garden related mix of funny stories, jokes and gardening tips.

Admission £3, inc coffee/tea and cake.  
2.30pm, Parish Centre, Bricket Wood

18 April      **Visit - Hever Castle & Gardens Tulip Festival**  
The childhood home of Anne Boleyn.  
See a kaleidoscope of 40,000 tulips providing a visual feast of spring colour.  
Inside the castle you will see wonderful floral displays.

Bricket Wood	How Wood	Chiswell Green
Social Club	Shops	Opp 3 Hammers
08:30	08:35	08:40
Members £33   non-members £36		

20 May      **Plant Sale**  
Garden Club hut. 2.00pm to 4.00pm.  
Plants and gardening goods for sale.

13 June      **Visit - Swiss Garden & Shuttleworth Collection**  
Enjoy a 9 acre garden, a woodland sculpture trail and a unique collection of vintage aircraft, set in 875 acres of parkland at Old Warden.

Bricket Wood	How Wood	Chiswell Green
Social Club	Shops	Opp 3 Hammers
09:15	09:20	09:25
Members £27   Non-members £30		

17 to 21  
July      **Gardens of Somerset Tour**  
A 5 day trip to Somerset visiting Avebury Manor,  
Hestercombe Gardens, Bishop's Palace & Gardens - Wells, Forde Abbey House &  
Gardens, American Museum & Gardens - Claverton Manor.  
SORRY, THIS TOUR IS SOLD OUT, but we can put you on the reserve list.

## **ANNUAL SHOW**

**Saturday 19 August**

**2.00pm to 4.30pm**

**Greenwood Park  
Community Centre  
Tippendell Lane  
Chiswell Green**

**Free admission**

7 Sept

**Visit - RHS Wisley Flower Show**

Guaranteed to make you green with envy. Spectacular floral displays, National Dahlia Society displays, specialist nurseries, as well as all the usual Wisley gardens. You will not be disappointed.

Bricket Wood	How Wood	Chiswell Green
Social Club	Shops	Opp 3 Hammers
09:00	09:05	09:10

**RHS Members (+1 guest) £19 each**

**Non RHS members £33**

2 Oct

**Tea & Talk – Good in Bed**

By Annie Godfrey (Daisy Roots)

A look at those plants that have a particularly long season of interest and really earn their keep.

Admission £3, inc coffee/tea and cake.

2.30pm, Parish Centre, Bricket Wood

For more information and/or bookings contact Graham Wilson

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**BOOKING FORMS FOR OUTINGS ON FOLLOWING PAGE.**

VISIT - HEVER CASTLE, GARDENS & TULIP FESTIVAL  
TUESDAY 18 APRIL

Hever Castle is the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

See a kaleidoscope of 40,000 tulips providing a welcome feast of spring colour to brighten up the day after the winter. Inside the castle you will see wonderful floral displays.

The cost of the trip is £33 for members, £36 for non-members, which includes coach, entry (inc flower show) and driver's tip.

The coach will leave Bricket Wood Social Club at 8.30am, with pick-up points at How Wood shops (8.35am) and Chiswell Green (8.40am), bus stop opposite Three Hammers.

**Please detach the form below and return it with a non-returnable deposit of £5 per person or payment in full. FINAL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 20 MARCH.**

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HEVER CASTLE, GARDENS - BOOKING FORM

Cheques to be made payable to St Stephens Gardening Club and sent to  
Graham Wilson 51 Mayflower Road, Park Street, St Albans, AL2 2QN or  
Andrew Keates 38 Maplefield, Park Street, St Albans, AL2 2BG, or hand in at the Trading Hut.

Member Name & No (please print).....

First line of address.....

I will be accompanied by.....

Pick-up point .....  
(Please state Bricket Wood, How Wood or Chiswell Green)

Contact telephone number .....

Email address.....

VISIT - SWISS GARDENS & SHUTTLEWORTH COLLECTION  
TUESDAY 13 JUNE

Explore over 60 acres of attractions including a 9 acre Regency Swiss Garden, woodland and shrubbery walks, 875 acres of parkland and the world famous Shuttleworth collection of unique vintage aircraft.

The cost of the trip is £27 for members, £30 for non-members, which includes coach, entry, driver's tip and complementary tea/coffee..

The coach will leave Bricket Wood Social Club at 9.15am, with pick-up points at How Wood shops (9.20am) and Chiswell Green (9.25am), bus stop opposite Three Hammers.

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VISIT - RHS WISLEY FLOWER SHOW  
THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

This is the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), which captures the imagination with richly planted borders, rose gardens, rock gardens, model gardens, trial fields etc. Our visit coincides with the RHS Annual Flower Show. There will be Plant Nurseries and Trade stands, the National Dahlia Soc Annual Show (100+ exhibits), floral displays and much more, including access to the RHS gardens. You will not be disappointed.

The cost of the trip is £19 each for **RHS members +1 guest**, £33 for **non RHS members**, which includes coach, entry (inc flower show) and driver's tip.

The coach will leave Bricket Wood Social Club at 9.00am, with pick-up points at How Wood shops (9.05am) and Chiswell Green (9.10am), bus stop opposite Three Hammers.

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RHS WISLEY GARDEN SHOW- BOOKING FORM

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To qualify for the RHS Member rate, please state your RHS membership number below.

RHS Membership number.....