

Hello All,

*Firstly, the necessary bit - I have added several new contact addresses since my last communication, so if you are one of these please note that I have obtained all contact details from the internet. My name is Pat Beagley and I am the Publicity co-ordinator for Hampshire National Garden Scheme.*

Now to my Newsletter:

This is my third communication to you in my role as rookie Publicity Officer for Hampshire NGS. I am really enjoying the challenge, but whether or not I am very good at it I guess will be determined by the figures at the end of the year!!

Included this month are: -

- 1) Booklet News:
- 2) Looking at our Beneficiaries:
- 3) Our Open Gardens:

#### **BOOKLET NEWS:**

The Yellow Hampshire Booklet is now available in most of the Garden Centres and Libraries around the County, and any of the other places where you would normally pick up your copy. So, watch out and tell your friends. This year you will find around 120 garden owners who are opening their gates to the general public, this includes those who are part of the Town or Village Group Openings.

There are five towns or villages in Hampshire, who have groups of gardens opening for 2019 - real value for money. They are: -

- 1) Amport & Monxton Gardens:  
<https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/17569>
- 2) Crawley Gardens: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/17567>
- 3) Froyle Gardens: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/17570>
- 4) Romsey Gardens: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/17568>
- 5) Stockbridge Gardens: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/22313>

To view ALL the details of the above gardens - simply click on the link next to the garden.

**BENEFICIARY: Marie Curie.**

I thought it might be meaningful to have a more in depth look at some of the charities, which the National Garden Scheme Support.

This month I have chosen Marie Curie - very apt as this is the time for their Daffodil Season. The Daffodil Month was started in 1986. Marie Curie was founded in 1948 and now has 9 hospices throughout the UK. In total they care for in excess of 40,000 terminally ill people a year, giving them and their families support through this very difficult time.

The **National Garden Scheme** have been supporting **Marie Curie** since 1996. In 2018 the NGS donated £500,000 making a total £8.8 million, since 1996. We are the single largest funder of their work. It is a truly amazing charity to be involved with. To read more about the work we do with Marie Curie, simply click on the following link.

<https://www.ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/beneficiaries/beneficiary/marie.curie/>

This month our Chairman, Martin Macmillan joined HRH The Prince of Wales at the Marie Curie Hospice in Liverpool to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Hospice. To read more click on the link:-

<https://www.ngs.org.uk/whats-new/news/post/our-chairman-joins-royalty-to-celebrate-marie-curie-anniversary/>

All our beneficiaries can be viewed at <https://www.ngs.org.uk/beneficiaries>

**OUR OPEN GARDENS: Hopefully one will tempt you or your group to pay a visit.**

By visiting any of the following gardens open in March/April, or one of the 'By Arrangement' gardens you will be helping us to support Marie Curie and all the other charities, who benefit from our continued support: -

**BY ARRANGEMENT: please contact garden owners**

**80 Abbey Road, Fareham.**



The 25th year of opening our unusual small garden, with large collection of herbs and plants of botanical and historical interest. Box hedging provides structure for relaxed planting. Interesting use of containers and ideas for small gardens. Two ponds and tiny meadow for wildlife. Living willow seat, summerhouse and trained grapevine. Areas of new planting for 2019.

- Open: From April to August - Contact garden owners.
- Admission: Depending on requirements - discuss with Garden Owners
- Refreshments: By Arrangement
- Group Size: Small groups up to 20

Click on link: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/12602>

### **Weir House, Old Alresford:**



Spectacular riverside garden with sweeping lawn backed by old walls, yew buttresses and mixed perennial beds. Contemporary vegetable garden at its height in Sept. Also, incl contemporary garden around pool area, bog garden (at its best in May/June) and wilder walkways through wooded areas. Children welcome.

- Open: Contact garden owners to agree convenient dates)

- Admission: £5.00 children free
  - Refreshments: By arrangement
  - Group Size: 10 plus...
  - Also Open: Specific Days: 9th June & 8th September
- Click on link: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/14406>

**21, Chestnut Road, Brockenhurst:** (as featured on the cover of Hampshire NGS Booklet - 2019)



Welcome to our wildlife friendly garden where ponds, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, fruit and vegetables all blend to create formal and relaxed areas. Colour and scent combine artistically, all aimed to inspire. Visit the fairies and enjoy homemade refreshments.

- Open: 1st April to 31st August - contact garden owner.
- Admission: £6.00 children free
- Refreshments: By arrangement
- Group Size:10 plus...
- Also Open: Specific Days - May through to August (Check link below)

**Please Use Public Car Park - short walk away**

Click on link: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/19437>

**Whispers, Dogmersfield, Hook.**



Come and discover new plants in this 2 acre garden of manicured lawns surrounded by large borders of colourful shrubs, trees and long flowering perennials. Wild flower area, water storage system, greenhouse, kitchen garden and living sculptures. Spectacular waterfall cascades over large rock slabs and magically disappears below the terrace. A garden not to be missed.

- Open: 1st July to 31st August - contact garden owner.
- Admission: £6.00 children free
- Group Size: 20 +
- Click on link: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/18789>

**OPEN ON SPECIFIC DAYS: just turn up - no booking required.**

**Beechenwood, Odiham, Hook.**



**Photo Credit: Carole Drake**

2 acre garden in many parts. Lawn meandering through woodland with drifts of spring bulbs. Rose pergola with steps, pots with spring bulbs and later aeoniums. Fritillary and cowslip meadow. Walled herb garden with pool and exuberant planting. Orchard incl white garden and hot border. Greenhouse and vegetable garden. Rock garden extending to grasses, ferns and bamboos. Shady walk to belvedere. 8 acre copse of native species with grassed rides.

- Open: 27th March & next 11 Wednesdays:

**Extra Date Added 6th May: 2 to 5pm**

- Admission: £4.00 children free

- Refreshments: Home-made Teas

- Click on link: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/8569>

### **13 Oakwood Road, Eastleigh NEW GARDEN**



Continually evolving  $\frac{1}{3}$  acre suburban woodland water garden, designed and planted by owners, bordered by mature oak beech and birch trees. Enjoy spring colour from azaleas, rhododendrons and bulbs. The lawn meanders between informal beds and ponds, and bridges lead to a tranquil pergola seating area overlooking a wildlife pond. Rockery skirted by a stream with a waterfall into a lily pond. Aviary.

- Open: Sunday 21st & Monday 22nd April (Easter): also open 26th & 27th May.

- Admission: £3.50 children free

- Refreshment: Home-made teas

- Click on Reference: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/36124>

Don't forget you can arrange for one of our experienced speakers to visit your group to talk about the history, the open gardens and the way forward for the NGS. We are already taking booking for 2020. If you are interested in booking a speaker, please contact me in the first place.

Next time the donations to our beneficiaries should have been announced.

Happy gardening and visiting to you all.

Best Wishes

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