

**Third Meeting and AGM on
Saturday 6 May 2017 at
Harrietsham Village Hall, Church Road, Harrietsham, Kent, ME17 1AP**

Programme for the day

9.30 – 10.15 Arrival and Registration at Harrietsham Village Hall; **Tea and coffee.**

There will be plant stall from Wildside Nursery and also a stall for Members' plants – please bring anything interesting you may have – clearly labelled to aid identification.

The village hall has a large carpark with disabled spaces. Raffle tickets will be available.

10.15 – 10.45 Annual General Meeting - the agenda will be circulated beforehand.

11.15 – 12.15 “Designing with Woodland Plants” by Keith Wiley followed by questions.

Keith was Head gardener/Manager at The Garden House on the edge of Dartmoor for 25 years creating what has been described as “one of the most innovative and exciting gardens in Britain today.” In 2004 he moved, down the road, to Wildside where he and his wife Ros are creating a new garden.

12.15-12.45 Rare Plant Auction

12.45 – 1.35 Raffle and lunch. Self-service tea and coffee will be available.

The garden is 10 minutes' drive away and we will be returning to the village hall for refreshments later, so we will endeavour to leave the majority of the cars at the hall.

1.45 Garden visit to Peter and Henny Shotter, The Warren, Warren Street, Lenham, Kent ME17 2ED – the garden is a plantsman's garden and about an acre in size which includes many woodlanders and shade lovers. There is an extensive range of magnolias and rhododendrons with emphasis on contrasting foliage, and the owners have sourced many of their plants from UK nurseries and a few from abroad. The garden is rarely open to the public so this is a real treat!

3.15 Homemade cakes, tea and coffee will be served at Harrietsham village hall and there will be the last chance to buy any remaining plants!

4.00 Close of meeting and depart.

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Harrietsham Village Hall

Harrietsham is a small village about 8 miles south east of Maidstone, Kent a few minutes off the M20 at Junction 8. The village hall will be signposted from the A20 in Harrietsham, and the large car park is beside the hall. There is limited parking (for the less able) at The Warrens, Lenham, but there is additional parking at The Harrow Inn (the pub opposite). Most members will be able to leave their cars at the hall.

Leave the M20 at J8 and turn onto A20 direction Lenham. Follow directions to Lenham and Harrietsham keeping on the A20 at the next two roundabouts for about 5 miles and you will arrive at Harrietsham. There will be signs for the village hall from the A20.

Peter and Henny Shotter's garden: The Warren, Warren Street, Lenham, Kent ME17 2ED

The property is 10 minutes from Harrietsham. Take A20 towards Ashford. After 2 miles there is an exit on the left signposted Warren Street and Otterden (Hubbards Hill). Follow the road up Hubbards Hill until you come to the Harrow Inn on the right. The house is the next property on the right. We will be able to leave a few cars in the pub car park. There will be HPS signs guiding you on your route.

Contact details on the day: If you need to contact us on the day ring Diana Garner on 07849 764265 – the rest of the year the phone has no reception.

Refreshments: There will be tea and coffee provided on arriving, and in the afternoon in the village hall with home-made cake. Please bring a packed lunch with you. The pub in Lenham, The Harrow Inn, next to the garden does lunches - book on 01622 859846.

Accommodation: We have no experience of the many B&Bs in the area. There are Travel Lodges and Premier Inns at Maidstone - more information available on www.travelodge.co.uk or telephone Central Reservations on 08719 848484 or www.premierinn.com telephone 0333 003 8101, or Mercure www.mercure.com.

Additional Gardens open – Please let garden owners know you are planning to visit

Mike and Edith Darvill, Eagleswood, Slade Road, Warren Street, Lenham, Kent ME17 2EG
Tel: 01622 858702 or mike.darvill@btinternet.com. 2 acre NGS woodland garden. Visitors are welcome up to 5pm on the Saturday, or between 10 and 5 on Sunday 7 May.

Dr Adrian Cooper, Boyton Court, Boyton Court Road, Sutton Valence, Kent ME17 3BY
Tel: 07796 446209 or Samantha.adrian@yahoo.com. 3 acre garden with terraces, large mixed borders, formal areas and a scree slope; Ponds, water features, greenhouses with exotics and alpine plants. Visitors welcome between 10.00 and 1.00 on Sunday 7 May.

Peter and Gill Regan, Frith Old Farmhouse, Otterden, Faversham, Kent ME13 0DD Tel:
01795 890556 or peter.regan@cantab.net. ¾ acre NGS woodland setting garden. Visitors
welcome between 2.00 and 6.00 on Friday 5 or Sunday 7 May.

Diana Garner, Secretary, HPS Shade and Woodland Plants Group January 2017