

## **Repton Village, near Derbyshire**

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2013

2.00pm to 6.00pm

During the Open Gardens weekend, 12-15 varied gardens, including 5 National Garden Scheme gardens and the recent Repton Memorial Arboretum will be open, most on both days.

Year after year, visitors come from far and wide to this event and we are always delighted to welcome them, exchange ideas and make this a special weekend.

Teas will be served in the village hall from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on both afternoons. The United Reformed Church will serve cream teas in the School Room from 3.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday only.

Scarecrows will be on display around the village and there will be prizes for the most entertaining or inventive scarecrows. A Children's Garden Trail will feature in most gardens and a small prize will be given in the Village Hall for each completed entry.

St. Wystan's Church. A 'Children's Church Trail' is available which children are encouraged to try with the help of their families. There will be a number of stalls in gardens and at the village hall including a tombola, a plant stall, a craft stall, a bookstall and home produce stalls.

Proceeds in aid of St Wystan's Church funds.

### **Plant sales:**

Several of the gardens will have plants sales. There is also a home produce stall.

### **Cost:**

£4.00 per adult, 18 years and under free - this covers both days

### **How to get an entrance tickets:**

On sale at the village post office and butchers beforehand and at the Church lych gate, village hall and in the gardens on the actual open days.

### **Prize Draw:**

Tickets for the prize draw will be on sale in the village beforehand and in gardens over the weekend. The draw will take place on the 15th June 2013.



**Further information:**

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**Directions:**

Repton is located near the A38/A50 intersection - follow signs to Willington then Repton.

**Location:**

County: Derbyshire

Postcode for Sat Nav: DE65 6FH (please verify before use)

### Wendy and Steve Longden Woodend Cottage

A plant lover's garden, on a sloping 2.5 acre site, developed organically for all seasons. On the lower levels, maturing perennial and shrub borders are connected via lawns, thyme bed, pond and pergolas to a small specialist plant area offering easy and unusual perennials.

Moving up and away from the house, you may like to walk the grassed labyrinth and meander through the woodland that we share with James, our Aylesbury duck, and Daisy, our White Campbell, to a spacious fruit, vegetable and herb potager. For those who prefer peace and quiet, our small summerhouse provides a welcome retreat at the end of a day's work, while our two fields on the highest level of the garden merge naturally with the countryside beyond. Looking back towards the house is a wonderful view of the snake-like hedge that follows the contour of the hills.



### Pauline and Robert 10 Chestnut Way

A large garden packed with colourful and unusual plants.

The gravel garden in the front is a low maintenance alternative to grass, providing colour and interest throughout the year. As you meander through the garden you will see borders packed with unusual and interesting plants as well as common ones; there is an emphasis on vibrant colours, bold structures, interesting foliage and heady scents. Near the house is an ornamental pond and waterfall, which is more formal than the wildlife pond at the far end of the garden - watch out for frogs watching you!

There are interesting containers and places to sit and relax throughout the garden.

There are many clematis (not all in flower); other favourites include acers, geraniums, heucheras, alliums, euphorbias and grasses.

Helped by our own compost, we grow lots of organic vegetables and fruit.

The 'not so new' ½ acre field is being developed into a woodland, butterfly beds, vegetables and yet more compost heaps. We have planted scores of trees. Remember that it was a field of wheat 8 years ago, so some of the trees are still quite small.



Jan and David Roberts 37 High Street

We have been spent the last 30 years developing this garden of over an acre as a garden for all seasons, and continue to make changes. The garden is divided by Repton Brook, which loops around to enclose the lower, larger part, an area that was under water before Christmas when the brook burst its banks. The area nearer to the house is more formal, including fish ponds, lawn, herbaceous borders and vegetables. There are always plenty of containers providing both spring and summer colour. Over the bridge you can enjoy woodland and brookside walks with rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and specimen trees, with an area of ferns and grasses leading to a lawn with a recently planted acer bed and a wild life pond. There has been some replanting of shrubs and tree borders with more emphasis on special trees, colourful bushes and spring plants and bulbs. Trees planted over the past 25 years include a Sequoiadendron Giganteum (Giant Redwood), which is rapidly living up to its name, a large Tulip tree and a Gingko Biloba. There are plantings of bamboo and moisture-loving plants, and plenty of seats to sit and relax.



Chris and Carol Lloyd 1 Milton Road

A medium-sized garden with a mixture of herbaceous borders and shrubs, which changes year by year within a stable framework. There is a wide variety of plants, including many that we have propagated.

It is a long time since we grew vegetables in the garden, but hidden behind the greenhouse are a few vegetables in tubs. You might also peer over the wall at the allotments behind.

Our youngest visitors might look out for the fairies



Owen and Suzanne Jowett 22 Pinfold Close

A small garden based on unusual, mainly foliage plants, with a strong interest in tropical varieties, including ferns banana trees, gingers and succulents.



Mr. and Mrs. S. Hardwick Askew Cottage Milton Road

The rear garden was designed to connect a number of different areas with flowing curved paths. Clipped, formal hedges enclose some spaces, giving structure in the winter and acting as a backdrop to the planting.

The main part of the rear garden, completed in Spring 2011, is now becoming established and we will begin to cut the hedging into more formal shape this year.

Features include a box-edged herb garden, apple trees being trained as a 'Belgian fence', a small wildlife pool and bog garden, a kitchen garden with raised beds and step-over apple trees. Still in the early stages of development are a wilder area, with fallen logs and plants that sustain wildlife and a circle of meadow grass within a 'cloud' box hedge. There are mixed borders with a variety of shrubs and perennials and places to stop and sit and enjoy the plants.



Ewan and Caroline. Thompson and Robert 10 Wystan Court

A compact, walled garden with grass (to be honest more moss and dandelions than lawn), borders and a small vegetable plot. The planting is relaxed and informal in the mixed borders of evergreens and herbaceous perennials. Please come and peep behind the wall - and dig in the sandpit!

