

Repton Village, near Derbyshire

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June 2012

2.00pm to 6.00pm

During the Open Gardens weekend, 12-14 varied gardens, including 4 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.

The event will open with bell ringing from St. Wystan's Church. There will also be a Children's Church Trail 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 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 23rd June 2012.

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 nursery 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 a newly acquired hen that made its home here last autumn, to our spacious fruit, vegetable and herb potager. For those who prefer peace and quiet, our two fields on the highest level of the garden provide a welcome retreat at the end of the day's work as they 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.

New developments this year have been the recent erection of a small summerhouse where we can sit and enjoy a glass of wine in the evenings, and the incorporation of five tonnes of much needed soil conditioner in the vegetable garden.



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 7 years ago, so some of the trees are still quite small.



Jan and David Roberts 37 High Street

We have been developing our garden of over an acre for nearly 30 years and are still making changes, aiming for a garden for all seasons with all-round interest.

The garden straddles Repton Brook, which loops around to enclose the lower, larger part. The area nearer to the house is more formal, including fish ponds, lawn, herbaceous borders and vegetables, and – for those of you who have visited the garden before – there have been a number of changes this year. There are always plenty of containers to provide both spring and summer colour.

Over the bridge you can enjoy woodland and brookside walks with rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, specimen trees, a ferns area and grasses, leading to a lawn with newly planted Japanese maples and a wildlife pond. Trees planted over the past 28 years include a Sequoiadendron Giganteum, which is rapidly living up to its name, a large Tulip tree and a Ginkgo Biloba. There are plantings of bamboo and moisture-loving plants, and plenty of seats to sit and relax.

A small Japanese garden has been created close to the house.



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. The trees planted after 'the great clear-out' are beginning to grow, so that we are no longer as reliant on our Bramley for height.

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 which featured last August in the Derbyshire Magazine. It is 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 back drop to the planting.

The main part of the rear garden was only completed in Spring 2011, and mature hedging plants were used to enable the structure of the garden to become established as quickly as possible.

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 a 'rustic' (i.e. messy) seating area set within some old foundations. 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!

