

WOOLSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 1ST JULY 2007 2–6 PM
IN AID OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOOLSTONE

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's Heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth*

TEAS IN THE GARDEN OF
WOOLSTONE MILL HOUSE

ENTRANCE: ADULTS £5
ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN UNDER 15: FREE

NO DOGS PLEASE

1. BREAKSPEAR COTTAGEThe Loeb Family

An acre and a quarter of untamed, unplanned, wild garden. Shrub roses, haphazard herbaceous plants, winding paths and the one remaining working well in the village. This garden is a sanctuary for birds and wildlife.

2. COOPERS Mrs S. Smart

Lawns and flourishing herbaceous borders lead the eye to a pergola and many varied species of trees and shrubs. Kitchen garden.

3. MEDWORTH Col & Mrs H. Rogers

Lawn and herbaceous border surround a pretty dovecot. The house is closely embraced by masses of colourful flowerbeds and clematis. Home-made lemonade!

4. MOSMAN Mrs J. Nelson

Recently replanted flowerbeds, a fine established beech hedge and lovely views over adjoining fields. A recent addition is the charming summer house.

5. COB COTTAGEProfessor W. Davies

This garden has some good mature planting and two herbaceous borders, delphiniums and hollyhocks, young 'old roses' and a Robinia Tortuosa. The owner has been away and apologises for weeds.

6. MERESTONES Mr & Mrs J. Twynam

An informal garden on three levels with an impressive Kiftsgate rose (if out) and enormous Redwood Cedar as you enter the garden. Recently some diseased hedges and trees (honey fungus) have had to be removed but the garden is now recovering.

7. THE LODGEMr & Mrs L. Hollingworth

The River Ock rises just above this garden forming a lake and natural waterfall. The garden designed by Justin Spink includes reinstated herbaceous borders. A beautiful Tom Leaper water sculpture and a new vegetable garden with fruit arbours, leading to swimming pool in construction.

8. WATERFALL COTTAGEMr & Mrs L. Hollingworth

From The Lodge, pass the majestic cedar towards Waterfall Cottage where shade and water-loving plants thrive.

9. WOOLSTONE MILL HOUSE Mr & Mrs A. Spink

This garden is starred in the Best Gardens Guide 2007 and is open every Wednesday in seasons for the NGS. Topiary parterre and terrace in front of the house looking on to circular herbaceous borders. Medlas and old-fashioned roses lead to a Monet bridge, bog garden, tree house (still in construction) and a kitchen garden designed by Justin Spink.

10. POND HOUSE Mr & Mrs A. Breton

Redesigned two years ago by Justin Spink. Terrace and herbaceous borders, and the best views of White Horse Hill in the village. Pimms is on offer for a small charge, so worth the extra walk.

VILLAGE HISTORY

Around 950AD the saxon King Eadred gave an area of land to Wulfric, being known as Wulfric's tun, (shown on later maps as Wolftone) or what we now know as Woolstone. The church is the oldest building in the village, dating from 1195.

There are now 10 or so remaining chalk cottages dating back as far as the 17th century. Of these Waterfall Cottage, Cob Cottage and The White Horse Inn are amongst the oldest having timber frames at least in part. At Waterfall Cottage the date 1611 is said to be scratched into the south wall. The deeds of the cottage at Woodruff Orchard in Lower Woolstone record that it was built in the reign of "Good Queen Bess".

The River Ock rises above the village at Woolstone Wells. This still provides a source of water for many of the houses in the village.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Do visit our church, dedicated to All Saints. It originates from some 20 years before Magna Carta. Built from chalkstone, known locally as 'clunch', the church is remarkable in having at least nine sundials carved into its walls—most have only one. The church boasts a Norman doorway and early lead font.

Thank you for supporting our Gardens Open Day which will help provide us with much needed funds to maintain this ancient and beautiful building.

**WOOLSTONE GARDENS OPEN DAY TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JULY**

