

# WOOLSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2008•2–6 PM  
IN AID OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOOLSTONE &  
NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

*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 & HOMEMADE CAKES IN THE GARDEN OF  
WOOLSTONE MILL HOUSE WITH THE MILL HOUSE  
QUARTET FROM 4-6 PM

ENTRANCE: ADULTS £5 (ALL GARDENS)

£3 (WOOLSTONE MILL HOUSE ONLY [NGS])

ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN UNDER 15: FREE

NO DOGS PLEASE

**1. BREAKSPEAR COTTAGE ..... The Loeb Family**

An acre and a quarter of untamed, unplanned, wild garden, maintained by the longest standing resident of the village. Shrub roses, haphazard herbaceous plants and winding paths. This garden is a sanctuary for birds and wildlife.

**2. HILLSIDE ..... Mr & Mrs T. Swash**

A mature and colourful (though slightly neglected) garden situated on a steep slope with impressive views over the surrounding countryside.

**3. COOPERS ..... Mrs S. Smart**

Lawns and flourishing herbaceous borders lead the eye to a locally-designed “spider’s web” pergola and many varied species of trees and shrubs. There is also a productive kitchen garden.

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. HICKORY HOUSE ..... Mrs C. Grist**

Varied planting with hardy perennials, roses, shrubs, trees and several clematis. Box hedging, lavenders and pots on the terrace.

**7. COB COTTAGE ..... Professor W. Davies**

This garden has some good mature planting and two herbaceous borders, delphiniums and hollyhocks, young ‘old roses’ and a Robinia Tortuosa.

**8. MERESTONES ..... Mr & Mrs J. Twynam**

On three levels, this secluded and informal garden is bounded by the stream and contains herbaceous and other borders, a large Kiftsgate Rose, a larger Redwood Cedar and a small kitchen garden.

**9. THE LODGE ..... Mr & Mrs L. Hollingworth**

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

**10. THE OLD BARN ..... Mr & Mrs G. Jones**

One of the smallest gardens in the village, this charming, old-fashioned cottage garden contains flowers and shrubs attracting small wildlife.

## **11. WOOLSTONE MILL HOUSE ..... Mr & Mrs A. Spink**

This garden is starred in the Best Gardens Guide 2008 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 and a kitchen garden designed by Justin Spink.

## **12. MERROW DOWN ..... Mrs L. Walker**

Following recent renovation to the house, the new structure to the garden has been completed and some new planting carried out. New beds and borders have been created with further planting planned, but retaining a mixture of original plants and trees.

## **13. YEW TREE COTTAGE ..... Mr & Mrs R. Godfrey**

Cottage courtyard garden with stream bordered by rose walk and paddock with meadow parterre.

## **14. OXLEAZE FARM ..... Mr & Mrs B. Loxton**

The Loxtons are retired farmers. They have lived at Oxleaze for 18 years and built up the garden from dereliction. There are herbaceous borders, a shrubbery, chickens, and a productive vegetable patch — and of course a beautiful view.

## **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 interesting early 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**

