

# Woolstone Village Gardens Open Day

Sunday 27th June 2010 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*

Live music, teas, homemade cakes, and plant sale in the garden at Woolstone Mill House.

Adults £5. Accompanied under 16s free.  
No dogs please.

Please take care walking around the village and gardens. While the gardeners have endeavoured to ensure their gardens are safe for you to visit, all visitors do so at their own risk.

[www.woolstonevillage.co.uk](http://www.woolstonevillage.co.uk)

**1. MERROW DOWN.....Mrs L. Walker**

An informal country garden with the River Ock running through it; beds and borders with roses, lavender and other plants plus vegetable beds and fruit trees. Most of the planting has been carried out within the last 3 years and is an ongoing project.

**2. WOOLSTONE MILL HOUSE ..... Mr & Mrs A. Spink**

This garden is starred in the Best Garden Guide. There is a topiary parterre and terrace looking on to circular herbaceous borders with the Downs beyond. Medlars and old fashioned roses lead to the bog garden and vegetable garden over stepping stones. Don't miss the thatched tree house which has spectacular views.

**3/4. THE LODGE/WATERFALL COTTAGE 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. From The Lodge, pass the majestic cedar towards Waterfall Cottage, where shade and water-loving plants thrive.

**5. COB COTTAGE..... Professor Wendy Davies**

This informal garden is planted to have something of interest throughout the year, as well as some untended space. Fruit trees (apple, pear, mulberry, medlar) and raspberries wandering among the vegetables; two long herbaceous borders, with crambe, delphiniums, several salvias and much more; some good mature planting, including Robinia Tortuosa, with more recent Clerodendron and Pittosporums; as well as old roses (at their best in mid-June), hollyhocks, phlomis, and places to sit and be quiet.

**6. MEDWORTH..... Col & Mrs H. Rogers**

This couple have lived here for 25 years and try to make their half-acre patch, which is mostly grass, easy to manage by themselves and at the same time colourful. A recent addition to the garden is an outdoor run with a few chickens.

**WHITE HORSE INN.....Mr & Mrs T. McAuliffe**

The Inn will be open and selling ice creams—just the thing on a hot day. Those with a thirst will be interested to know the Inn holds a Cask Marque Award for serving excellent quality cask beers.

**7. COOPERS ..... Mrs S. Smart**

The garden was designed for Sidney and Pam Smart by Bill Spink (c1996). Lawns and herbaceous borders lead to a Spiders Web pergola. Behind the yew

hedges is a secret garden, small fernery, old fashioned roses and interesting trees. There is a vegetable garden through the laburnum arch.

#### **8. BREAKSPEAR COTTAGE ..... The Loeb Family**

Nestling under the Downs, with just over an acre of untamed, unplanned, wild garden, it is maintained by the longest standing resident of the village. Follow the winding paths through shrub roses, haphazard herbaceous plants and an orchard. This garden is a sanctuary for birds and wildlife.

#### **9. MOSMAN.....Mrs J. Nelson**

Enter by a gravel drive of lavender which leads to a fence of Clematis, a stripey shed and wonderful views over the fields towards Faringdon. There is a fine established Copper Beech hedge and a recent addition of a charming summer house.

#### **10. HICKORY HOUSE .....Mr & Mrs D. Blount**

A well established, small and contained cottage garden with a colourful array of climbing roses, well stocked flowerbeds and borders. Overgrown lavender adorns the terrace and the side entrance. A wonderful haven from which to enjoy the sunshine and to chase the children!

#### **11. POND HOUSE.....Mr & Mrs D. Erwin**

This garden was designed three years ago by Justin Spink. There is a beautifully planted terrace and borders look over the mill pond with stunning views to Dragon Hill and the White Horse. The swimming pool garden planted in soft colours is hidden behind a yew hedge. Well worth the extra walk. Pimms is on offer for a small charge.

### **ABOUT THE VILLAGE & ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Around 950AD the Saxon King Eadred gave an area of land to Wulfric, being known as Wulfric's tun or what we now know as Woolstone. The oldest building in the village is the church, dedicated to All Saints. It dates back to 1195, 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, although not easy to spot—most have only one. The church boasts a Norman doorway and interesting early font.

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.

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

Longcot

Uffington

# Woolstone

Footpath  
via farm

11

Teas & Cakes  
Plant Stall  
Live Music

1

2



9

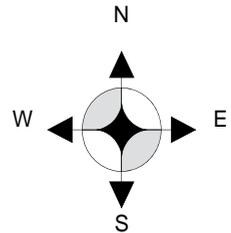
5

10



4

3



White Horse Inn

7

6

Footpath



All Saints  
Church

8



**Disabled parking**  
spaces at 6 and 7



**Toilet facilities**  
at 2, 3, 7 and 11

Ashbury

B4507

Wantage

to White  
Horse Hill

