

Hanney Gardening Club – June visit

Saturday 11 June

This year we have arranged the visit on the weekend so that more members are able to attend. We will visit two gardens near Bedford; The Swiss Garden, Biggleswade and Kathy Brown's garden at the Manor House, Stevington. Thanks to the hard work of members at the plant sale last year the HGC have been able to fund a coach for this event.

The coach will leave the village hall at 9am. We plan to arrive at The Swiss Garden at 10.30 we will have tea/coffee on arrival followed by a guided tour of garden. There is a café for lunch, or you can bring a picnic. The coach will leave at 1.30pm and arrive at the Manor House Gardens, Stevington at 2pm. There will be a general introduction and a guided tour of garden. Tea is included, Kathy Brown specialises in cakes made with flower flavours e.g. rose petal or lavender. The coach will leave at 5pm to return to Hanney at around 6.30pm

We have been asked if anyone is allergic to flour so please tell Penny of this when you book your ticket.

Total cost £12.50 members, £18.50 non-members.



The Swiss Garden from the website

A visit to The Swiss Garden takes you back to the early 19th century, when an interest in ornamental gardening and picturesque architecture first came together.

The garden, created in the 1820s by Lord Ongley, is a late Regency garden and an outstanding example of the Swiss picturesque.

The Swiss Cottage provides the main element for this unusual and atmospheric garden. It provides the principal aspect for a number of contrived vistas, which lead the eye towards this attractive thatched structure. The Shuttleworth family introduced a number of Victorian 'improvements' after buying Old Warden Park in the 1870s, most notably the extensive use of Pulhamite and the creation of a raised terrace on the garden's Western flank.



Kathy Brown's Garden from the website

A garden of exuberant imagination, atmospheric and brimful of ideas, with a strong emphasis on garden art. Each of the twenty distinct areas is completely different in atmosphere. The summer garden planted round the old fish pond is colourful and strongly Mediterranean. Beautifully understated by contrast is the avenue of *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* 'Grayswood Ghost' underplanted with *acanthus*. It leads to a flowery meadow through beds of grasses. The French garden is an essay in formal design with the yew hedges and box parterres. A 'Rothko room'

contains purple beech, berberis and prunus, and the 'Hepworth room' sees grasses mingling with herbaceous plants. Major collections of clematis and roses are dotted around the garden.

If you would like to come along can you please sign up at the April meeting or contact Penny on 868637 for an application form. All monies need to be paid to Dot **before** the day.