

**Finchcocks, Goudhurst, TN17 1HH**  
**June 25, 6 – 9pm**



This Grade 1 listed Georgian mansion houses the famous Musical Museum and also has a beautiful 18th century walled garden which has been restored as a pleasure garden with wide lawns and shrub borders. To add to the charm of the evening, informal music will be played on the period keyboard instruments.

*Refreshments are available*

**Hospice in the Weald, Maidstone Road, Pembury TN2 4TA**  
**June 27th, 2 – 5pm**



We include our own lovely garden because although it is always open for visitors to wander round, we like to put aside this special day when our team of volunteer gardeners are present to give personal guided tours and answer questions. There is also an opportunity to view all the "In Memory" flower books.

*Teas and cakes are available*

**The Secret Gardens of Sissinghurst**  
**June 27th, 11am – 4.30pm**



Some 20 private gardens of all shapes and sizes in the village of Sissinghurst will be open to the public, including the private gardens of some of the gardeners at the famous Sissinghurst National Trust garden.

*Light lunches and teas are available and there are plants for sale. Tickets, including a map and free parking are £5 per person (children under 16 free)*

*From May 15th to June 26th tickets will be available in advance at £4 each from: FOSCH c/o The Village Shop, The Street, Sissinghurst TN17 2JJ (cheques in favour of Friends of Sissinghurst Church with stamped addressed return envelope).*

*Website address: [www.secretgardensofissinghurst.co.uk](http://www.secretgardensofissinghurst.co.uk)*

*NB. This project is in aid of Friends of Sissinghurst Church and Hospice in the Weald.*

**54 Greenview Crescent, Hildenborough**  
**July 1st to July 4th, 10.30am – 4.30pm**



This one acre plot particularly features shrubs and trees, including rhododendrons, may, laburnums and pineapple trees. There is a stream with a bridge and a vegetable garden. The whole is arranged in a series of enclosures that ensure a surprise around every corner. Plenty of seating is available.

*Sorry, no dogs*

*Our England is a garden and  
such gardens are not made  
By singing "Oh how beautiful!"  
and sitting in the shade*  
Rudyard Kipling

**93 Church Lane, East Peckham TN12 5JH**  
**July 18th, 11am – 5pm**



This is a pretty mixed garden of one third of an acre with perennials, shrubs, roses and clematis. There is also a herb garden.

*Teas are available*

**Boundes End, 2, St Lawrence Avenue, Bidborough, TN4 0XB**  
**July 25th, 11am – 5pm**



This third of an acre plot comprises a front garden with raised beds and formal and informal gardens to the rear of the house. There are herbaceous borders with interesting plants, specimen trees, places to sit, pebbled areas, pergolas, a 'dry stream' and a fire circle. You can enjoy more

pictures of this lovely garden on [www.boundesendgarden.co.uk](http://www.boundesendgarden.co.uk).

*Dogs are permitted, but only on a lead please.  
Teas are available*

*Kind hearts are the garden,  
kind thoughts are the root,  
kind words are the blossoms,  
kind deeds are the fruit.*  
John Ruskin

**Upper Pryors, Cowden, TN8 7HB**  
**July 28th, 2 – 5pm**



Ten acres of country garden surround a sixteenth century house. They include magnificent lawns, herbaceous colour, water gardens and areas of wood and field.

*Home made teas are available  
Sorry, no dogs*

**Merriments Gardens, Hawkhurst, Hurst Green, TN19 7RA**  
**August 22nd, 10.30am – 5.00pm**



We are very fortunate that the owner of this stunning garden is allowing the Hospice to benefit from the proceeds on this day. For a donation you can wander the four acre site and enjoy the deep sweeping borders; particularly dramatic at this time of the year is the hot border in all its high summer glory. Added attractions are the large well stocked nursery, gift shop, and wild bird centre. Also not to be missed is the Garden Café where you can relax inside or on the patio by the pond and sample the delicious freshly made snacks, lunches and cream teas. Merriments is situated on the A229 just off the A21 at Hurst Green.

*How fair is a garden amid the trials  
and passions of existence.*  
Benjamin Disraeli

For further information, please contact  
Judy Higgins on 01892 820531 or Rachel Holweger 01892 820536  
Hospice in the Weald, Maidstone Road, Pembury,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4TA  
[www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk)

Reg. Charity no. 280276



This is our second year of producing a leaflet of gardens that are opening for the Hospice. We were delighted that last year we made £25,000 by this Open Garden scheme, and naturally in this, our 30th year, we are hoping that more people than ever will take the opportunity of visiting these lovely gardens and supporting the Hospice. Feedback from last year's selection was excellent, and we have taken note of your requests to supply postcodes for the properties.

If you enjoyed a visit to any of our gardens last year, you will find some that you are familiar with, and if your favourite is not here, we hope you will discover new ones.

The Hospice is grateful to all those who have contributed to this leaflet; we are lucky to have so many beautiful gardens in our area and know that their owners work hard to ensure your visit is a delightful experience.

While you are appreciating these gardens, you will know that every penny raised will go towards patient and family care at the Hospice.

*Cover photograph by Carole Marks, who is one of the team of volunteer gardeners at the Hospice, and who will be opening her own garden, Boundes End, Bidborough on July 25th*

*Nothing is more the child  
of art than a garden.*

*Sir Walter Scott*

See us at the  
**ANNUAL PLANT FAIR**

May 15 from 10am to 2pm

In the Hospice grounds, Maidstone Road, Pembury

Huge selection of plants, herbs, trees and shrubs

New for 2010... Farmers Market

Barbecue, refreshments and cakes

Donations of plants to sell are welcome – please bring in to the Hospice during the week before the fair

For further information please call Ruth Fahie on 01892 820508

**Postillions, 2 Hastings Road, Pembury, TN2 4PD**  
**April 17th and 18th, 10am – 5pm**



This is a large and interesting garden on three levels with well stocked herbaceous borders, a small orchard underplanted with daffodils and a large vegetable garden. It has the additional and somewhat unorthodox attraction of a Second World War gun emplacement!

**Warren House, Warren Road, Crowborough, TN6 1TX**  
**May 9th, 2 – 5pm**



Steeped in history, this nine acre garden complements a beautiful house and enjoys views of the Ashdown Forest. A series of gardens, old and new, display azaleas, rhododendrons, and an impressive variety of trees and shrubs. Sweeping lawns are framed by delightful walls, terraces and woodlands.

*Teas are available, but sorry, no dogs*

**The Red House, Crockham Hill, TN8 6SX**  
**May 15th, 5 – 8pm**



The Red House sits on top of the North Downs and its 40 acre south facing garden presents magnificent panoramic views over the Kent and Sussex Weald. Formal features include a croquet lawn surrounded by herbaceous borders. The rolling lawns contain many fine trees and shrubs with the azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolia and wistaria at their best in May. The gardens are surrounded by fields and woods providing a variety of scenic walks on the estate.

*Please note this open garden is in the form of an Evening Reception*

*No two gardens are the same.  
No two days are the same in  
one garden.*

*Hugh Johnson*

**1 Brickwall Cottages, Frittenden, TN17 2DH**  
**May 16th, 2 – 5pm**



You will find this small cottage-style garden in the centre of the village, intensively planted with a wide range of hardy perennials, bulbs, grasses, shrubs and trees, including a line of pleached limes. There is a small square pond and a pergola planted with roses, clematis and other choice climbers. Throughout the garden are over 100 different geums, which make up the National Collection, and during May they are at their best.

*Teas and cakes are available and there is a small specialist nursery selling plants*

**2 Latters Farm Cottages, Tudeley, TN11 0PG**  
**May 22nd, 10.30am – 2.30pm**



Developed from farm land over the past eight years, this is a half acre garden with mixed herbaceous and shrub borders, a raised alpine bed and a vegetable plot separated from a lawn by a pleached hornbeam hedge. A small woodland and two ponds have been created to encourage wildlife. Beautiful views across the Medway can be enjoyed over the mixed native hedge, framed by a grape vine archway.

*Tea, coffee and cakes are available and this garden opening incorporates the annual Capel Gardeners Society Plant Bring and Buy Sale.*

**Hawkhurst Garden Safari**  
**May 22nd and 23rd 2 – 6pm**



Some 18 gardens from the very small to the very large are involved in this safari. It includes allotments and the premises of the Lightfoot Alpacas. Full details and a map will be available at the time.



*The proceeds will be shared with Bowles Lodge, a local Care Home for the physically frail*

**Greenacres, Luxford Road, Crowborough, TN6 2PW**  
**May 30th to June 6th (inclusive), 11am – 5pm**



This is a two acre sloping woodland garden maintained by the owner. It has been developed over the years with interesting water features fed by natural springs; there are ponds, bog and naturalised areas and raised island beds and a variety of trees, shrubs and foliage plants. Views over the surrounding countryside help to ensure an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.

*Refreshments and cakes are available, as well as a plant stall*

**Lewins, Crockham Hill, TN8 6RB**  
**June 6th and June 13th, 2 – 6pm**



Spectacular views complement this four acre garden on a south facing slope. There are three ponds, one with a fountain, raised beds, a selection of interesting trees and shrubs, over 600 roses and a small vineyard.

*There is wheelchair access and teas are served*

**Perryhill Farmhouse, Hartfield, TN7 4JP**  
**June 20th, 2 – 5.30pm**



The original garden was probably laid out in Tudor times, being started 100 years or so after the house was built. It has now been created to represent a truly English country garden designed around the central lawn with an herbaceous border, parterre, pergola, formal rose garden, water garden, shrub border, vegetable garden, soft fruits and orchard. There are over 30 varieties of clematis and many species of roses as well as unusual trees and shrubs.

*Teas are served, but no dogs please*

*A beautiful garden is a work of heart.*  
*unknown*