



'Summer Garden'

BOOKING & VISTING DETAILS

ENTRY PRICE for both Autumn and Winter is £5.00 per person, we regret no concessions.

Children under 15 free.

(Note to Steam Museum and Gardens season ticket holders – the joint ticket is only valid during the main open season, usually late March to end of October, dates vary slightly each year).

ENTRY TICKETS are available from the tills at Blooms Garden Centre during this period.

BOOKING OF GROUPS *(for specific Autumn and Winter garden opening only)*

Please email: info@bressinghamgardens.com or phone 01379 688292

BOOKING OF GROUPS for main 2015 season
email: info@bressingham.co.uk
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BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT, APPLIES WINTER OPENINGS ONLY (we hope).

In the event of heavy snow, frozen ground or even flooding which primarily applies to Foggy Bottom, groups and individuals should phone the Blooms Garden Centre 01379 688585 for information prior to travelling.

Absolutely divine - heaven on earth! I agree!

A Hill & C Hobe - Wiltshire, June 2014

Wonderful gardens, a colourful picture in every direction. Well done to everyone who works at keeping these gardens looking their best.

Nadina & David - Norwich, June 2014

After 35 years of coming here we still think this is one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. With new plants, new seats and immaculate maintenance - it just gets more fabulous every year!

Peter & Adrienne Lee - Herts, July 2014

A garden canvas painted to perfection. Sorry you had to give my wife so many ideas! Many thanks.

M & E Shannon - Northern Ireland, July 2014

Came here with our in-laws and was amazed at the beauty and tranquillity of the gardens. A place not to be missed!

Ian & Isabel - Fife, July 2014

Came all the way from Melbourne, Australia to see this glorious garden! Congratulations.

Joan Heath - July 2014

What amazing gardens - given us some ideas. Must say well done to all the gardeners.

R. Lockwood - Gt. Yarmouth, July 2014

An awesome and spiritual experience.

B. Dunea - July 2014

I have wanted to visit this garden since the 1980's and it proved to be more beautiful than I ever imagined. Such a peaceful, tranquil and utterly beautiful place.

Sue & Peter Thomas, Chelmsford – September 2014

First timers from Norwich. Absolutely gorgeous “jaw dropping” gardens. IWe’ll be back.

Alexandra & Clive Evans – September 2014

Our first visit – wonderful. We live near RHS Wisley and this is so much better – fantastic plantings!

Leonards, Surrey – September 2014

Stunning, fabulous garden. So many ideas, so much beauty. A real privilege to be here.

Judith, Sussex – September 2014

Probably the best gardens we have ever seen – we’ll be back in Spring.

Cumbria – September 2014

A little bit of heaven on earth. An incredible place. A pleasure to have been here.

Banwell Garden Club, Leics – September 2014

Very impressed even my husband (not really interested) was impressed!

Enid, Enfield – September 2014

Beginning of October and so much colour still here! Beautiful gardens and so peaceful.

R & M, Cambridge – October 2014

THE BRESSINGHAM GARDENS

Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2014



'Foggy Bottom'

After a very dry September and some sunny weather, we are hoping it will be a great year for autumn colour, not something we are always renowned for in Britain. Winter colour is still something few people consider as important to create in their gardens.

There isn't space to develop this theme in the newsletter, but we hope you will venture out to Bressingham this autumn and later winter to see for yourself how much colour there is, and how many ideas you can get for your own garden.

We will have a major structural development starting at the rear of Bressingham Hall during this autumn and winter, although this is unlikely to affect the enjoyment of viewing the gardens. Jaime Blake has ongoing work in the Dell Garden which covers six acres, and some thinning and pruning is planned for the Winter, Summer and Fragrant gardens. One or two trees that are already dying will be removed from Adrian's Wood and new planting and vistas are planned. This winter in Foggy Bottom will see more

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conifers and trees removed from congested areas, opening up the opportunity to create more dramatic landscapes. The Woodland Garden below the pond will be opened to visitors next spring. The amazing thing is, even with, say another 10 trees gone, it is difficult for visitors one year to the next, to really notice the difference!



'Foggy Bottom'

Late Autumn in Alan Bloom's Dell Garden

It's late...but maybe not too late. With the major part of the flowering season behind us we can easily look on into winter with a sense of all ending. However, there's still a few flowering Herbaceous willing to offer some warmth to the eye.

Chrysanthemums usually come to mind (we have several here) and the likes of C. 'Duchess of Edinburgh' and C. 'Entekranz', a bold deep and powerful red, the former, and a brilliant primrose yellow, the latter. These are planted right next to each other in a shocking colour statement that Alan Bloom would have approved of! However, no matter how much I love these two, they are surpassed comfortably by C. 'Paul Boissier' which is the most perfect autumnal burnt orange. It's a joy every year.

Away from the Chrysanthemums, there are is good selection of the Schizostylis (Kaffir Lilies) which continue until the frosts. The brilliant red of S. coccinea 'Major' is a must, although the smaller, delicate pink of S. 'Fenland Daybreak' comes a close second. Away from the flowers, many Herbaceous plants provide exceptional Autumn foliage and structure. Grasses in particular make a satisfying contrast to the darkening stems of other plants. In particular, the Miscanthus (Elephant grasses) collection here has plenty

to say, with the brilliant golds of M. 'Malepartus', 'Septemberrot' and 'Klein Fontane' or the glowing ruby of M. 'Sioux'. However, if you are a Rubies and Gold kind of person you'll find kindred plants in M. 'Ferne Osten' and M. 'Gearmella' which offer you both, in a kind of two-for-one deal.

Jaime Blake
Curator of the Dell Garden

Notices

Volunteers

We still have room for enthusiastic and keen gardener volunteers. These are wonderful gardens to feel a part of, and if you have time and would like to know more please phone 01379 688282 or write to The Bressingham Gardens, Bressingham, Diss, Norfolk. IP22 2AB or email info@bressinghamgardens.com

Plants From Bressingham Gardens Mail Order

Autumn is still the best time to plant hardy perennials and we here at Bressingham are busy splitting and replanting groups ready for a great display next season, as all other major display gardens and top landscape designers will be doing now. The main reason for this is that soil temperatures are now much higher than they will be in the spring. After a long, warm spring and summer the residual heat in the soil now is much greater than in spring, which after a cold and potentially wet winter the soil temperature will take longer to warm up to match those of autumn. This warmth in the soil will allow greater root development and allow the plants to establish before winter and therefore getting a head start for the spring. We still have a huge selection of plants from the gardens and many, many more new and unusual



'Winter Garden'

varieties for you to choose from to plant this autumn, all available through our straight forward and easy to use website www.bressinghamgardens.com or you can phone the office on 01379 688282 to check on availability and order.

Jason Bloom



Chrysanthemum 'Duchess of Edinburgh'

Please make a note in your diary

Special Opening at The Bressingham Gardens

The Bressingham Gardens and Steam Museum joint opening season finishes on Sunday 2nd November 2014, beginning again on March 28th 2015. This is the only period that season tickets apply to (see next page).

However the gardens have a much longer period of interest and we would like to give the opportunity for gardeners to visit out of the main season, as below;

Wednesday November 5th until and including Sunday 16th November

Autumn Colour at The Bressingham Gardens

Depending on the season, Autumn colour, flower and foliage can be quite spectacular, and gives ideas of what plants to consider for your own garden.

Sunday 15th February until Friday 27th March 2015

The Bressingham Gardens in Winter & Early Spring

Open days will be dependent on the weather, particularly during February and early March, but the Winter Garden and Foggy Bottom in particular can be stunning at this time of year.