



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.

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 or phone 01379 686900.

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.

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

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

Revisited after many years. Still as impressive and beautiful as we remembered it. Simply one of the best gardens in the country!
June & John Smith - Nottingham, June 2014

Fantastic! A pleasure and privilege to be able to share it.
Dorothy & John - Reading, June 2014

So peaceful and clearly a 'label of love'.
Kay & Wayne - Hextable, Kent, June 2014

Very imaginative drift planting. Colour contrasts amazing! So glad we came.
G & A - Aldershot, June 2014

What a wonderful gift the garden at Foggy Bottom is. The use of plants is inspiring - the colours, texture and patterns. The hard work of those who create and maintain it brings JOY to so many!
C Riley - US, June 2014

As avid National Trust visitors, this is by far the best, beautiful and most amazing gardens we have seen!
Colchester, June 2014

Wow! Fantastic, stunning, inspiring me to re-create my garden. It must be nice to know how everybody who views these gardens realises all the hard work you and your staff put in to it. Well done!
(Mr & Mrs Last - June 2014)

Gorgeous garden - a National Treasure!
(V & A Madgett, Wiltshire - June 2014)

Truly wonderful and a sheer pleasure to experience.
(Steve & Hilary, Blackwell - June 2014)

Thank you for the wonderful inspiration. A beautiful garden and well laid out.
(Glennis & Olaf, Germany/Bavaria - June 2014)

THE BRESSINGHAM GARDENS

Newsletter

Summer 2014



Suddenly it's high Summer, at the moment of writing, high temperatures and schools have just broken up for the Summer holidays. What to do with them? For parents and grandparents perhaps Bressingham Gardens might be a choice where it could be argued you get the best of both worlds, trains, carousel, then a bit of garden therapy – assuming the children will allow it!

Our newsletters are not really intended to be primarily about promotion of our interests, but hopefully our joint interests in bringing more people into gardening, helping to support garden visiting and garden societies. Let us bring you a little more up to date as the gardens are once again being put more on the map than in recent years;

We sent you a copy of the R.H.S. Garden article on the Bressingham Gardens from the October 2013 issue. The Winter Garden appeared in The English Garden last January, and will be featured in the R.H.S. monthly Garden magazine next January (we think) 2015.

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2015. Three BBC TV productions have or will be filming at Bressingham this Summer. 'The Great British Garden Revival' have filmed on the subject of Conifers, presented by Carol Klein, and a new series 'Gardens from Above' will be here in August, this presented by Christine Walkden. The third programme from The Bressingham Gardens will be presented by Monty Don, also in a new series. They all think (as do we) that there are so many good horticultural things happening at Bressingham Gardens that should be more widely known. All three programmes are expected to appear Autumn 2014 to Spring 2015, more details when we get them.



We are adding to the reverse of this newsletter some of the wonderful comments that visitors have left in our Garden Visitor's Notebook this year at the exit to Foggy Bottom. What is still amazing to us is the number of people, often relatively local who haven't visited for 10, 20 or 30 years – and are surprised and delighted at the developments. Of course, unless there are more formal gardens that are regularly clipped or pruned and stay somewhat the same, all plants grow and gardens must change. We have not been stuck in a time warp at Foggy Bottom with primarily conifers and heathers. What was planted in the early 1960's and early 70's as 3-5 feet high trees or conifers can now have reached 10 times that height, and if not trimmed end up like a forest. In suburban and smaller gardens similar problems often have occurred, and big plants or trees must go..... easier said than done, but we have a tree surgeon in each year to take down unwanted trees – and then that area has to be planned and planted with something that will grow

and look attractive in its place. Keeping pace, planning ahead, getting the job done are all part of some of the challenges that regular visitors notice and (mostly) applaud the developments.

In the next newsletter planned for Autumn we will send more information about the individual gardens that make up the Bressingham Gardens, and who does what. Some of you will know, or know of, Jaime Blake who as Curator of Alan Bloom's Garden, often called the Dell Garden, keeps it in immaculate condition (although he may not agree, being a perfectionist) and very much in the style it has been since Alan first started experimenting with Island Beds in front of Bressingham Hall in 1953. Here too, many structure plants die, such as the weeping willow in front of the flint summer-house, and the wonderful Japanese Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus kousa* var. *chinensis* in front of the hall and new trees are planted. Jaime will start his Dell Garden notebook in the next newsletter.

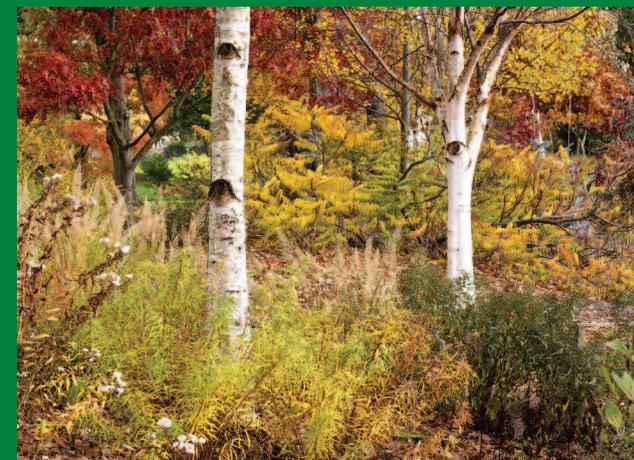
In the Summer Garden and Foggy Bottom Adrian with the help of the gardeners Phil, Martin and Anja have created some new "rivers of plants", an idea that seems to be catching on for all sizes of garden. Adrian has created these in gardens in North America, Germany and now on the Tollgate triangle roundabout in Bury St. Edmunds! We plan to have links or images of these gardens added to our website during quieter seasons.



There are more specific details on special openings in this newsletter but back to a little promoting inviting you individually to visit the late Summer and Autumn colour in the gardens, and consider booking up for a Winter visit

which is February and March 2015 when both the spectacular Winter Garden and Foggy Bottom are open (except for extreme weather conditions) every day. The Garden Centre who will, as in 2014, be cooperating with us will be able to offer warmth and hot food during your visit. But of course if your group or society hasn't visited for a while, please consider 2015 or 2016 for a visit.

Adrian Bloom



Please make a note in your diary
Special Openings 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 period from late March until early November is the only period 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