

Garden Club Summer Outing. *AMENDED ITINERARY*

Three Gardens in Peebles and Humbie. Wed 29th June. Day-long Coach trip

The itinerary for our all-day Summer Outing to the Borders has been amended.

Due to personal family circumstances, Carolside Gardens is unable to receive us. This has led to the cancellation of our plans to have a picnic lunch at the NTS gardens in Melrose as well.

Instead, we will be travelling to East Lothian after the visit to Kailzie.

- *Tour of Walled Garden with the Head Gardener at **Kailzie Estate** near Peebles, plus refreshments*
- *Leisurely wander through **Stobshiel House Gardens, East Lothian***
- *Picnic lunch (bring your own) on the Stobshiel lawns*
- *Tour of EITHER the ornamental garden at **Humbie Dean** OR the country garden at **Longhill, Humbie***
- *Coach leaves Westgarth Avenue at 9am sharp and returns around 5.30pm*
- *A payment of £25pp is payable before place is confirmed*

Kailzie was recently acquired by Susan and Steven Plag. Susan was our Club's very own Outing Convener a couple of years ago, so it is appropriate that our first Summer outing since she left the Club should be to her gardens! Following a scone and a cuppa in the Courtyard Cafe, her charismatic head gardener Guy will show us the walled gardens with its stunning herbaceous border, prizewinning veg, laburnum arch and greenhouse pelargonium collection.

After Kailzie we head to East Lothian where we can have a picnic lunch (*not supplied – please bring your own*) on the sweeping lawns or under the trees at Stobshiel House. There are paths to wander around with plenty of seating, and after lunch we can take our time exploring the gardens. A walled garden leads to a greenhouse, potting shed and cut-flower and vegetable beds. The woodland garden has gentle walks alongside a meandering burn. A large formal lily pond forms a focal point, framed by a castellated yew hedge and scented borders full of clematis, lavender and roses.

Our final garden(s) of the day are in the hamlet of Humbie – just a short drive away. Humbie Dean and Longwood are both very fine gardens, but with quite different characters to the large Kailzie and Stobshiel estates. However, because they are comparatively small and cannot accommodate coach parties, we plan to split our group between the two. (Time will only allow a visit to one garden each.) It would help if you did *not* have a preference(!) but if you do, please tell us and we will see what we can do!

The charge will be £25 per person and will include transport, entry to three gardens, and coffee with a scone at the first garden. The coach will leave promptly at 9am from Westgarth Avenue and we hope to return by 5.30pm. There are toilet facilities at Kailzie and Stobshiel and also on the coach.

Please email outings@colintongardens.org.uk for payment details.