

Holyrood Park Wildflower Walk – Tuesday, 5th May

An early evening wildflower walk at Holyrood Park, led by Stan da Prato. Gentle walk into the main grassland at Hunters Bog. Our main target will be the rare adder's tongue fern we missed last year as the other vegetation had overgrown it, thus our earlier date. Holyrood Park has a wide range of other plants including rock rose, maiden pink and sticky catchfly.

The walk starts at 6pm. Meet in the large car park by the palace. This walk may be booked in advance or paid on the day.

Anna Buxton Edinburgh Open Garden, Sunday, 10th May

Caley members Anna and James Buxton are again opening their garden as part of Scotland's Garden Scheme. As last year, money raised will go to the Caley Greenhouse at Saughton, so do go along and support Anna and James and help with fund raising for the greenhouse. Many members will know that the garden in May is at its most colourful with rhododendrons and other flowering shrubs and trees, and tulips in pots and many other spring flowers. There will be tea and a very good plant sale organised by Caley members Caroline Pearson and Vicki Reid-Thomas. Children are very welcome and there will be activities for them and a new tree house - although it is not for the very young.

The address is Redcroft, 23 Murrayfield Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6EP. There is easy, free parking nearby. For buses 12, 26, 31, get off at Murrayfield Stadium or bus 38 which goes down Murrayfield Road. Entry is £5, children free. The garden will also be open by arrangement from 1st September to 31st October. More details from SGS website.

North of the Clyde Day Trip – Saturday, 16th May

Glenarn is a private garden, largely created and made famous for its collection of species rhododendrons by the Gibson family. This garden was established in the 1920s and 30s, overlaid on the original Victorian layout, with some remaining trees and rhododendrons from the 19th century. The garden lies in a protected hollow, falling to the south and west, with a steeply sloping Himalayan glen running its length and providing shelter for large-leaved and tender rhododendrons. There are wonderful views down to Rhu, a working vegetable and fruit garden, alpines, plant sales.

Ardardan Estate Walled Garden and Nursery is run by the Montgomery family and team. Set in a magnificent restored walled garden on the banks of the River Clyde it comprises a farm shop, garden nursery, tearoom and woodland experience.

Geilston NTS Garden is celebrated for its landscaping, which harmonises nature and cultivation. At the centre is the walled garden, dating back to 1797, dominated by a mammoth Wellingtonia tree. Be inspired by the 40m long herbaceous perennial border or wander into wilder territory down by the Geilston Burn to connect with nature. Explore the bluebell woods along the Geilston Burn.

Coach pick up will be outside National Records of Scotland, Charlotte Square at 9.00am and Hermiston Park & Ride at 9.30am. A light lunch at Ardardan Walled Garden Nursery is included in the price. This trip needs 25 people for it to go ahead. Booking deadline is 17th April 2020.

Aberlady Wildflower Walk – Sunday, 14th June

A day at Aberlady Bay, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest for plants as well as birds. Led by Stan da Prato, who knows the local flora and fauna. We'll see a variety of coastal flowers, aiming particularly for five species of orchids. Depending upon weather we hope to see butterflies as well.

Meet at the small car park or 124 bus will stop by request. It will be easy level walking on a dry path. The walk will start at 10am and finish at approximately 3pm. Please bring lunch and refreshments. We'll stop for lunch during the walk, so something to sit on will be ideal. This trip may be booked in advance or paid on the day.

East Lothian Gardens – Wednesday, 15th July

The morning visit will be to a garden yet to be confirmed. We'll provide information in due course. This will be followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. The afternoon visit will be to two adjoining private gardens near Dunbar. Bowerhouse is an 1835, David Bryce mansion set in 17 acres of parkland. There are formal gardens with herbaceous borders, lawns, a fountain courtyard garden and a walled greenhouse garden. A more recent addition is a formal pond garden. There are an orchard and woodland walks. Bowerhouse Walled Garden, within high, 19th century walls, was originally the kitchen garden providing produce for Bowerhouse. The structure is formal with box hedges and old espaliered fruit trees. There are flowering shrubs, roses, herbaceous borders, grassy stretches, mature fruit trees and a vegetable garden. Outwith the walls, there is a small arboretum of 1.5 acres, containing around 100 tree species and a wildlife pond. Cut paths allow access around the trees.

Coach pick up will be at Hermiston Park & Ride at 9am, and outside National Records of Scotland, Charlotte Square at 9.30am. Lunch is included in the price. This trip needs 25 people for it to go ahead. Booking deadline is 31st May 2020.

Margaret Teale's Open Garden at St Boswells – Sunday, 23rd August

Caley members Margaret and David Teale are opening their garden from 11am-4pm in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and The Caley Glasshouse fund. Margaret and David moved to St Boswells in 2017, starting work on the garden in autumn 2018. They have created a peaceful garden with water; a vegetable, herb and fruit area and herbaceous borders. As the garden is just 2 years old and a work-in-progress, any thoughts and advice would be welcome.

As well as the Teale's garden, there is the opportunity to visit nearby Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott. The formal Regency gardens were designed as three 'rooms', South Court, Morris Garden and the Walled Garden, each of which offer picturesque views of the house. As well as the garden, visit the house and chapel, enjoy great views across the valley from the back of the house and walks along the Tweed in this 120-acre estate. Lunch is available in the Ochiltrees café. Please note that the café can be very busy in summertime. You can call ahead to the café to reserve a table.

To join a tour of the Regency garden please reserve a space with us as places are limited. There are two tours available, one starting at 11am and the other at 2pm. The tour will run for 45 minutes. Payment will be made directly to Abbotsford on the day for the tour. General admission fees also apply. Please reserve your space on a garden tour by 30th June 2020.

This is a self-drive trip. Margaret and David's garden is at 18 St Cuthbert's drive, St Boswells, Roxburghshire, TD6 0DF, which is approximately 1 hour from Edinburgh. Abbotsford is 7 miles from St Boswells.

Caley Day Visits Summer 2020



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Booking Form:

Date	Trip	Cost per person £	No. Places	Pick up point	Total Cost £
Sunday, 10 th May 2-5pm	Caley Member Anna Buxton's Open Garden, Murrayfield, Edinburgh	£5 Pay on day		N/A	
Tuesday 5 th May 6pm	Holyrood Park Wildflower Walk	£5		N/A	
Saturday 16 th May All day	North of the Clyde	£48		Please circle: Charlotte Square or Hermiston Gate	
Sunday, 14 th June 10am-3pm	Aberlady Bay Wildflower, Bird & Butterfly Walk	£5		N/A	
Wednesday, 15 th July All day	Private Gardens of East Lothian	£48		Please circle: Hermiston Gate or Charlotte Square	
Sunday, 23 rd August 11am-4pm	Caley Member Margaret Teale's Garden & Abbotsford Regency Garden Tour Reservation	Donation on the day Regency tour £3		N/A	

Your contact details:

Name(s):	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone No:	
Special requirements:	

For North of the Clyde trip only:

RHS Member (Y/N):	
RHS Life Member (Y/N):	

- If you are interested in any of the above trips or would like more information, contact Rona McDowall, email: rona.mcdowall@hotmail.com or telephone: 07572 308125.
- You may book using the enclosed form or online on the website.
- The trips are also open, at no extra charge, to any friends of the Caley who are non-members.
- Day outings may be cancelled if numbers are too low. Refunds for bookings cancelled by members will be based on the financial commitment already incurred by the Caley.
- For own or shared transport outings, if you do not have transport, we may be able to arrange a lift for you.
- See individual trip details for booking deadlines.
- You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your booking. Please only send a stamp addressed envelope if you don't have an email address.
- Send booking form with cheque (payable to RCHS) to Rona McDowall, 7 Traquair Park West, Edinburgh, EH12 7AN.