

June 2006

Garden visit

Friday June 9th 2pm

The Beth Chatto Gardens Elmstead Market, nr. Colchester



We have arranged a guided visit around these acclaimed gardens of drought, water and woodland located in Elmstead Market near Colchester, Essex. Beth and her husband started the garden in 1960, when it was an overgrown wasteland and have transformed it into an internationally renowned display of good horticultural practice. Beth's experiments with plants and their growing conditions also inspired her to write books on the subject which have become essential reading for all those involved with horticulture and planting designs today.

The tour will be given by one of the gardeners and will last one hour, although you may stay longer to explore if you wish. There is also a good nursery and cafe facilities. The cost of the visit will be approximately £5 per person (depending on final numbers). Places are limited on the tour so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please ring Christine on 01394 388220 to reserve your place or e-mail eabli@yahoo.co.uk. See www.bethchatto.co.uk for more information on the garden and for directions.

PPE revision 2006

The dates for this summer's PPE revision sessions are as follows:

3rd June / 24th June / 15th July / 5th August / 19th August

The sessions run from 10 until 2pm at the Centre for St Paul's in Cambridge. If you are interested in attending please call Vibeke on 01394 380 509.

Landscape magazine regional focus

EABLI are coordinating the regional focus for East Anglia to be featured in the October issue of Landscape magazine. The region is being asked to come up with suggestions for articles which could include practice profiles, project reviews, practical advice, topical debate or anything which you would like to see featured in the magazine.

If you would like to provide ideas and contribute to an article (either as a practice or an individual) please contact Lucy on 01394 380 509 by the end of May to register your interest. Note. Although you can, if you wish, write articles, journalistic support will be available.

Upcoming events

Learn to dowse and summer BBQ Thursday 20th July 3/6pm

Come and learn to dowse with John Baker from the British Association of Dowsters (3pm) and/or join us for the EABLI summer BBQ - families welcome (6pm). John will teach you how to locate different underground features using only two metal rods - an invaluable skill for site survey work! There may be a small charge for materials.

The afternoon will be held at the Granary, and its romantic setting within the Ring (an Ancient Monument), at the Wandlebury Country Park, Gog Magog Hills, Cambridge. Access is from the A1307 Cambridge to Haverhill Road, 2.5 miles south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. Please use the main visitor car park and display this leaflet for free car parking (otherwise £2); disabled parking near granary (please follow signs along main tarmac route into site).

Bring your own meat/veggie burger to sizzle on the Ranger's BBQ and a savoury or sweet dish for the buffet to be shared by all. Bread, sauces and drinks provided.

Please let us know whether you would like to attend the dowsing and/or the BBQ by contacting Carolin Göhler on 01223-243830 or ceo@cpswandlebury.org.

NB: Next year we would like to use another East Anglian location for our annual BBQ - any suggestions?