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# +Malmesbury+ What's On Guide

**FROM YOUR LOCAL TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

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**Friday 9am -4.20pm**

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**Your companion to your visit to Malmesbury**



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## THE JOHN BOWEN GALLERY

**The Gallery is closed at the present time due to access and distancing safety measures. We will let you know as soon as we are able to reopen.**

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**Movies at Malmesbury is closed during the current lockdown for information on films please see the Movies@Malmesbury Facebook page**

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**PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION**

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**Abbey House Gardens- Cotswold Sculptors association -Creating Spaces 2021**

Now until Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> Open daily 11am to 5.30pm.

Abbey House Gardens, Market Cross, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9AS

An exhibition of indoor and outdoor sculpture.

<http://www.abbeyhousegardens.co.uk/>

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**Malmesbury Abbey Choir Recruiting**

Malmesbury Abbey Choir needs you.

There are vacancies in all voice parts. The choir is affiliated to the RSCM

Please contact [office@malmesburyabbey.com](mailto:office@malmesburyabbey.com) or telephone 01666 826666

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**Volunteer with Oxfam**

Malmesbury Oxfam shop needs your help now more than ever.

To find out about volunteering opportunities pop into Oxfam, 7 High Street or call 01666 826122.

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**National Garden Scheme - Blackland House, Quemerford, Calne, SN11 8UQ**

Sat 1 May (2-4.30). Adm £10, chd free Donation to Dorothy House Hospice.

Please note no refreshments but bunched flowers for sale.

A wonderfully varied 4½ acre garden adjacent to River Marden. (House not open). Formal walled productive and cutting garden, traditional glasshouses, rose garden and wide herbaceous borders. Interesting topiary, trained fruit trees and specialist displays of historic tulips and unusual spring bulbs.

Partial wheelchair access, steps, grass and cobbles.

*Situated just off A4. We will be operating a one-way system, entering the grounds through the side entrance signed St. Peter's Church and Blackland Park Deliveries. Opposite The Willows.*

[www.bayntunflowers.co.uk](http://www.bayntunflowers.co.uk)

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**National Garden Scheme - Waterdale House, East Knoyle, SP3 6BL**

Sun 2 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

For other opening times and information, please phone Mr & Mrs Julian Seymour, 01747 830262.

In the event of inclement weather, before visiting, please check [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk). 4 acre mature woodland garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, maples, magnolias, ornamental water, bog garden, herbaceous borders. Bluebell walk. Shrub border created by storm damage, mixed with agapanthus and half-hardy salvias. Please keep to raked and marked paths. Sensible footwear essential  
*8m S of Warminster. N of East Knoyle, garden signed from A350. Do not use Satnav.*

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**Athelstan Museum Virtual Talk - "The Pursuit and Sinking of the Bismarck"**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm

80 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> May, more than a hundred British warships were involved in a desperate 5 day, 1,750 mile hunt for the mighty German battleship Bismarck, which disappeared for more than 24 hours and was almost within reach of safety before it was tracked down. David Bickerton's father was a crewman aboard HMS Dorsetshire which was involved in the final showdown.

**Tickets £5 from the Museum Website** [athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

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**National Garden Scheme - Bush Farm, West Knoyle, Warminster, BA12 6AE**

Sun 9 May (11-5). Adm £6, chd free

Mature oak woodland glades junglified with climbing roses, clematis, honeysuckle and specimen trees. Bog garden with ferns, skunk cabbage and iris. Nearby lakeside walk with farm trail to Bison and Elk.

Wildflowers everywhere. Bluebells in May. Flat woodland walks - not paved.

*From A303 turn off at Esso petrol station (Willoughby Hedge) follow left hand lane to West Knoyle (signed Bush Farm) through to end of village entrance on bend through woods to Bush Farm.*

[www.bisonfarm.co.uk](http://www.bisonfarm.co.uk)

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**National Garden Scheme - Cottage in the Trees, Tidworth Rd, Boscombe Village, nr Salisbury, SP4 0AD**

Sun 9 May (1.30-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas

Enchanting ½ acre cottage garden, immaculately planted with water feature, raised vegetable beds, small wildlife pond and gravel garden. Spring bulbs, hellebores and pulmonarias give a welcome start to the season, with pots and baskets, roses and clematis. Mixed borders of herbaceous plants, dahlias, grasses and shrubs giving all-yr interest. Large variety of cottage plants for sale, grown from the garden.

*7m N of Salisbury. Turn L off A338 just before Social Club. Continue past church, turn R after bridge to Queen Manor, cottage 150yds on R.*

Visits also by arrangement Mar to Sept for groups of 10+

Contact: Karen & Richard Robertson 01980 610921, [robertson909@btinternet.com](mailto:robertson909@btinternet.com).

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**Malmesbury and District U3A Virtual Talks**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May - **A programme of songs and their accompanying stories**

**Steve and Carol Robson**

Audience participation (even on zoom) is **almost** mandatory

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May - **From wildlife photography to saving the cheetah! - Alison Mees**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June - **Climate Change and Planet Earth - David Head**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June - **Fields of Battle - Lands of Peace - Mike Shiel**

Malmesbury and District **u3a** have a number of talks to enjoy on Zoom. Note the dates in your diary. You need to be a member to access these talks. If you are not a member you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 01666 823568, become a member, £10 subscription for 12 months, and enjoy the general talks. Then explore all the opportunities and get involved as soon as the present covid restrictions allow. In normal times u3a meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10 - 11.45 for tea/coffee a chat and to listen to a monthly speaker. The interest groups are wide ranging such as learning a language, arts and crafts, science, music appreciation, dancing, walking, cycling, theatre visits, book groups, play readings and many more.

You can find more information on our website [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

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**National Garden Scheme - Pop up Ark Farm, Old Wardour, Tisbury, Salisbury, SP3 6RP**

Sat 15 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas

Informal hidden gardens in beautiful setting with small wooded area, pond, water plants, lakeside walk, views of Old Wardour Castle. This is a very difficult garden for wheelchairs. Not advised!

*Old Wardour is 2m from Tisbury. Drive down High Street and on, past station, take 1st R. Follow signs to Old Wardour Castle.*

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**National Garden Scheme - Broadleas House Gardens, Devizes, SN10 5JQ**

Sun 16 May, (2-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas £5 per serving

6 acre garden of hedges, perennial borders, walled rose garden, secret garden, bee garden and orchard stuffed with good plants. Well stocked kitchen and herb garden. Mature collection of specimen trees incl oaks, magnolia, handkerchief, redwood, dogwood. Overlooked by the house and arranged above the valley garden crowded with magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas, cornus, hydrangeas etc. Wheelchair access to upper garden only, some gravel and narrow grass path

*1m S of Devizes. Turn L from Hartmoor Road onto Broadleas Park. Follow the road until you reach grassed area on R with red brick wall, stone pillars, grey gates, cattle grid. That is the entrance*

Visits also by arrangement Mar to Sept for groups of 10+

Contact: Mr & Mrs Cardiff, 07584 119362, robwaller76@gmail.com.

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**Athelstan Museum – Virtual Unveiling of the JMW Turner Watercolour of Malmesbury Abbey**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm

You are invited to a celebration of the installation in Athelstan Museum of JMW Turner's Watercolour of Malmesbury Abbey.

The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire will give an introduction to the watercolour, followed by a talk by Catherine Parry-Wingfield, "Saving Sandycombe": the inside story of the conservation of the picturesque villa in Twickenham, which the artist designed himself.

This is a free online webinar event but donations welcome.

Register at the Museum Website [athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

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**National Garden Scheme - Windmill Cottage, Kings Road, Market Lavington, SN10 4QB.**

Thur 20, Fri 21 May, (2-5). Adm £4, chd free

1 acre cottage style, wildlife friendly garden on greensand. Mixed beds and borders. Roses on pagoda, large vegetable patch for kitchen and exhibition at local shows, greenhouse, polytunnel and fruit cage. Whole garden virtually pesticide free for last 20 yrs. Small bog garden by wildlife pond. Secret glade with prairie.

Grandchildren's little wood and wild place. Mostly accessible, some soft and gravel paths.

*5m S of Devizes. Turn E off A360 1m N of W. Lavington, signed Market Lavington & Easterton. At top of hill turn L into Kings Rd, L into Windmill Lane after 200yds. Limited parking on site, more parking nearby.*

Visits also by arrangement May & June for groups of 5+. Refreshments must be arranged in advance.

Contact: Rupert & Gill Wade, 01380 813527.

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**National Garden Scheme - Foxley Manor, Foxley, Malmesbury, SN16 0JJ**

Sat 22 May (10-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas

Yew hedges divide lawns, borders, rose garden, lily pond and a newer wild area with a natural swimming pond shaded by a liriiodendron. Views through large Turkey oaks to farmland beyond. Small courtyard gravel garden. Sculptures are sited throughout the gardens. Unsuitable for wheelchairs.

*2m W of Malmesbury. 10 mins from J17 on M4. Turn towards Malmesbury/Cirencester, then towards Norton and follow signs for the Vine Tree, yellow signs from here.*

Visits also by arrangement Apr to June for groups of up to 20.  
Contact: Richard & Louisa Turnor, lou.turnor@gmail.com

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**National Garden Scheme - North Cottage, Tisbury Row, Tisbury, SP3 6RZ**

Sun 23 May, (11.30-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made light lunches and teas

Leave car park, walk past vegetables and through the paddock to reach house and gardens. Although modest, there is much variety to find. Garden is divided with lots to explore as each part differs in style and feel, augmented with pottery, woodwork handmade by the owners. From the intimacy of the garden go out to see the orchard, ponds, walk the coppice wood and see the rest of the smallholding. Ceramics, wooden furniture and handicrafts all made by garden owners, including creations from their own sheep's wool for sale. Exciting metalwork sculpture exhibition. Large variety of plants for sale.

*12m W of Salisbury. From A30 turn N through Ansty, L at T-junction, towards Tisbury. From Tisbury take Ansty road. Car park entrance nr junction signed Tisbury Row.*

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**National Garden Scheme - Ordnance House, West Dean, Salisbury, SP5 1JE**

Sun 23 May (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in aid of Salisbury Hospice

This garden was awarded a RHS Gold Medal in May 2020 in a competition held in conjunction with the BBC One Show. The garden won the 'Back Garden' category judged by a panel incl Monty Don, James Alexander-Sinclair, Sue Biggs (DG of RHS) and One how host Alex Jones. The garden has drifts of white and purple alliums and foxgloves in spring with unusual varieties of lavender in summer. Its design features topiary balls and spheres, a vegetable garden, ornamental parterre and small orchard.

*8m W of Romsey, 8m E of Salisbury. From A36 Southampton to Salisbury road follow signs for West Dean via West Grimstead. From Romsey, follow signs via Awbridge, Lockerley & East Dean. From Stockbridge, follow signs from Broughton.*

[www.ordnancehouse.co.uk](http://www.ordnancehouse.co.uk)

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**National Garden Scheme - Twigs Community Garden, Manor Garden Centre, Cheney Manor, Swindon, SN2 2QJ.**

Sun 23 May, Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made teas. Excellent hot and cold lunches available at Olive Tree café within Manor Garden centre adj to Twigs (pre-booking required) 01793 533152.

Delightful 2 acre community garden, created and maintained by volunteers. Features incl 7 individual display gardens, ornamental pond, plant nursery, Iron Age round house, artwork, fitness trail, separate kitchen garden site, Swindon beekeepers and the haven, overflowing with wildflowers. Most areas wheelchair accessible. Disabled WC.

*From Gt Western Way, under Bruce St Bridges onto Rodbourne Rd. 1st L at r'about, Cheney Manor Industrial Est. Through estate, 2nd exit at r'about. Opp Pitch & Putt. Signs on R to Manor Garden Centre.*

For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

TWIGS, 01793 523294, [twigs.reception@gmail.com](mailto:twigs.reception@gmail.com), [www.twigscommunitygardens.org.uk](http://www.twigscommunitygardens.org.uk).

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**National Garden Scheme - Hazelbury Manor Gardens, Wadswick, Box, Corsham, SN13 8HX**

Wed 26 May (10-4); Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

The C15 Manor house comes into view as you descend along the drive and into the Grade II landscaped Edwardian gardens. The extensive plantings that surround the house are undergoing considerable redevelopment by the owners and their head gardener. A wide range of organic horticulture is practiced in 8 acres of relaxed yet playful gardens. Regretfully, very little wheelchair access.

*5m SW of Chippenham, 5m NE of Bath. From A4 at Box, A365 to Melksham, at Five Ways junction L onto B3109 towards Corsham; 1st L in 1/4m, drive immed on R.*

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**National Garden Scheme - Tristenagh House, Devizes Road, Potterne, Devizes, SN10 5LW**

Mon 31 May (1.30-5.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Garden of approx 2 acres, created over the past 20 years. Island beds with a mixture of herbaceous plants, bulbs, annuals and shrubs. All year round structure provided by beech and yew hedges, box topiary and by mature beech and Scots pine trees. Some gravelled areas with containers. Wheelchair access to most parts of garden on grass paths. Access to terrace limited due to gravel. Some steps.

*Im S of Devizes on A360. Turn down byway by post-box and cottage (27 Devizes Rd) and follow yellow signs to car park and entrance to the garden.*

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**Wiltshire National Garden Scheme**

We are still awaiting delivery of the NGS booklets in the TIC . You can access the on line Wiltshire booklet below.

Wiltshire e booklet on line [NGS Wiltshire 2021](#)

Web link to Wiltshire Gardens <https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire>

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

Facebook @WiltshireNGS. Instagram @wiltshirengs

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**Corsham Walking Festival**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June

A full programme of guided and free walks for all ages and abilities. Booking now.

Further information see: <http://corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk/>

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**Crudwell 24hr Bike Ride**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

This is an annual fun fund raising event that (until last year) has been running every year for over 25 years, raising valuable funds for many charities. Well, it's back and open to all ages. You can raise money for a charity of your choice! If you are interested in entering a team, please take a look at the site:

[www.crudwellbikeride.co.uk](http://www.crudwellbikeride.co.uk)