

2015

Saturday June 27th, 1-5pm
and Sunday 28th, 1-5pm
Garden entrance **FREE**



Taster Sessions

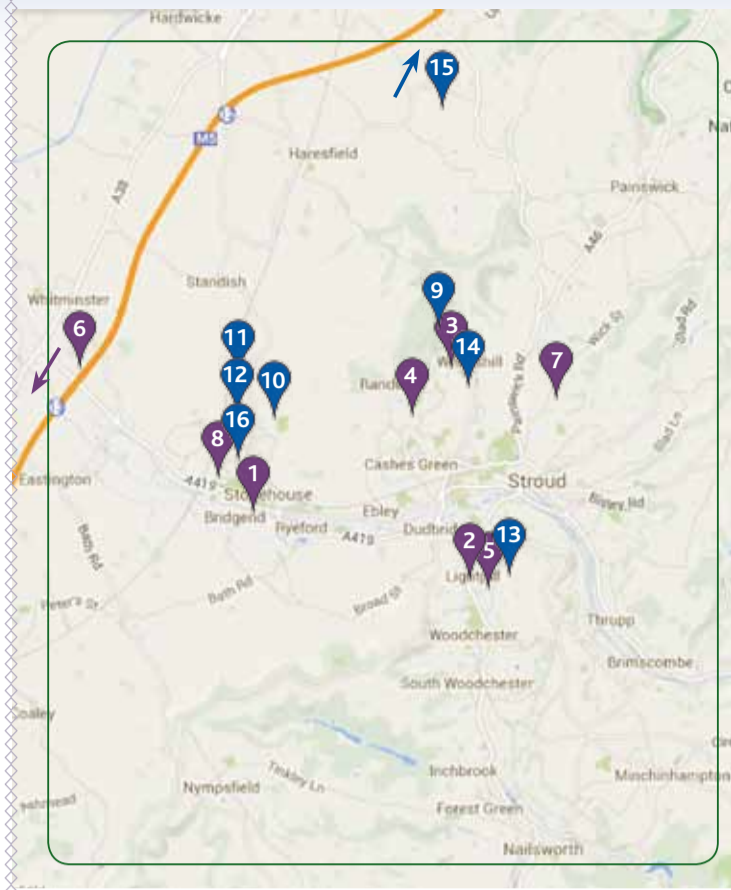
These short hands-on sessions (about 30 mins) are designed to give you an introduction to a subject – and a 'feel' for it that you won't get from a book or website.

Saturday June 27th, 2pm

- Biodynamic vegetable growing*
Hawkwood College (venue 7)
- Making a wicking raised bed*
17 Boakes Drive (venue 1)

Sunday June 28th, 2pm

- Composting with worms*
Fair Shares Allotment (venue 12)
- Planting for wildlife*
2 Crowcumpill Cottage (venue 11)



Open Gardens 27th-28th June 2015
www.edibleopengardens.org.uk
 Purple pin: open Saturday 27th June 2015
 Blue pin: open Sunday 28th June 2015



Edible Open Gardens Cafe

The 2is Community's Cafe in Stonehouse High Street will be open for the weekend with brochures, a map of the gardens, and information. Gardening Gurus will be available to answer your gardening questions and have a chat over a hot or cold drink.

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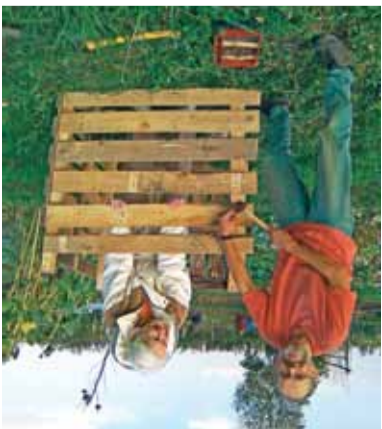


14 Church Gate, The Plain, Whiteshill GL6 6AB



13 Lightpill Allotments, Kitesnest Cooperative
 Lane, Lightpill GL5 3PJ
 See entry no 5.

12 Fair Shares Allotment, near Horsemaring Lane, Stonehouse
 A community organic allotment run by a group of Fair Shares members. We meet twice a week with a longer session once a month. Whoever is there has a share of that day's harvest. A mixture of veg, fruit, herbs and edible flowers; members have a say in what is grown each year.



11 2 Crowcumpill Cottage, Gloucester Road, Standish GL10 3BS
 A peaceful permaculture garden made from an old paddock in a frost pocket, using no-dig gardening. I have 14 raised beds made from recycled plastic. Rainwater harvesting, recycled greenhouse, wildlife meadow, pond, forest garden, fruit trees. I use various strategies to outfit wild animals such as old fridges for storing fruit and veg.



10 1 Horsemaring Cottage, Horsemaring Lane, Standish, Stonehouse GL10 3BU
 Quarter of an acre, level cottage garden, organic since 1996. Vegetables and fruit. Rare breed bantams and Chinese quail. There are also bee-friendly flower beds and a wildlife pond.

Talk to me about:
 * No-dig organic gardening
 * Permaculture
 Taster Planting for wildlife 2pm
 Leave Stonehouse on B4008 to Gloucester. After leaving village, the garden is on LHS after about 1km - park on roadside.



Talk to me about:
 * Wildflower meadows instead of lawns
 * Cultivating insects in the garden
 Come up Whiteshill, turn left into Lower Street; park near community shop. Walk along Lower Street, behind school, past postbox at The Shard and go slightly downhill. House is on the left below road level with parking at the top for 2 cars only.

9 Primrose Villa, Lower Street, Ruscombe GL6 6BU
 Sloping cottage garden on south-west facing hillside, looked after organically for 30 years. Biodynamically grown vegetables in deep beds and flowers to attract insects. Lawns in the process of becoming wildflower meadows. There is a very small wildlife pond and lots of composting areas.



Talk to me about:
 * General vegetable growing
 * Greenhouses
 Leave Stonehouse on B4008 to Gloucester. At last roundabout in Stonehouse, turn right into Horsemaring Lane. After 100m, cottage is on RHS. Park in road.

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1 17 Boakes Drive, Stonehouse GL10 3QW

An interesting garden with trees, chickens, flowform water feature, planting in layers, vegetables and edible weeds mingled with wildlife-friendly ornamentals. Here, plants are required have a purpose – whether eaten by humans or wildlife, or to encourage pollinating insects. An additional project for this year is making a permaculture-style wicking raised bed, with a gravel base, all enclosed in polythene.

Talk to me about

- ☛ Using nettles in soup and tea, as a fertiliser, in string
- ☛ Nettles' health properties

Taster Making a wicking raised bed 2pm

Travelling from Stroud on the A 419, pass Wycliffe College on RHS, then straight on through traffic lights. Boakes Drive is left turn at next roundabout. Parking on road.



2 33 Kitesnest Lane, Lightpill GL5 3PJ

This average sized, sloping garden faces west and has very little shade. It is largely no-dig with annual vegetables, a micro-forest garden and a self ventilating and watering polytunnel. Two Garden Organic members' experiments in progress.

Talk to me about

- ☛ Permaculture influences
- ☛ Compost and soil regeneration

Go South out of Stroud on the A46. Pass B&Q, then turn left immediately after the pedestrian crossing. No 33 is the last bungalow on the left, opposite the allotments.



3 Church Gate, The Plain, Whiteshill GL6 6AB

A vibrant kitchen garden and orchard carved out of a sunny hillside, enhancing biodiversity while producing food. Rabbit-proof fencing and edible hedgerows. The small orchard is full of wildflowers and butterflies. Families and children welcome. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the orchard – and a rug to sit on.

Talk to me about

- ☛ Permaculture influences, ideas and plants
- ☛ Dealing with thin, stony soil (we have used a chisel and sledgehammer to plant fruit trees)

Go up Whiteshill. After church on right, turn left into Lower Street; car parking near community shop. Back on the main road, walk down approx 250m to Church Gate or walk down onto football pitch and go left through community orchard to garden gate in hedgerow.

OPEN SUNDAY TOO



4 Whiteshill and Ruscombe Allotments, Humphrey's End, Ruscombe Road GL6 6EN

The allotments have been running for 4 years with organic principles. The site is very productive and this year we have just finished laying the native hedge.

Talk to us about

- ☛ Starting and maintaining an allotment

Members will be on site to show visitors round and to answer questions.

From Archway School, go North-west along Ruscombe Road. Turn right towards Ruscombe; the allotments are there. Park on roadside or at the Moor Hall Convent, off the top of Cashes Green Road.



5 Lightpill Cooperative Allotments, Kitesnest Lane, Lightpill GL5 3PJ

The allotments are over 50 years old. The allotment committee have a grant to develop raised beds for people who have mobility or health issues and wish to keep gardening. Come along and we will happily discuss the project with you. We have two beehives and are sowing flower seeds to encourage pollinators.

Talk to us about

- ☛ Raised beds for people with mobility or health issues
- ☛ Bees and beehives

Go South out of Stroud on the A46. Pass B&Q, then turn left immediately after the pedestrian crossing. Go up Kitesnest Lane and you will see the allotment site on your right. Please park on the main road and not in Orchard View.

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6 Wharf Farm, Cambridge GL2 7AL

A smallholding in the Severn Vale with mainly good loam. Our main interest is livestock production: goats for milk and kids, pigs for meat, and hens and ducks for eggs. The land is not organic, but we haven't used fertilisers or sprays for many years. We are adopting permaculture-type grazing, re-jigging the fencing and altering the grass conservation and grazing patterns. Come and meet the animals.

Talk to us about

- ☛ Small-scale livestock management

Go South on the A38 through Cambridge until the dual carriageway ends. The farm is just before, and on the same side as, the George Inn (where you may choose to turn your car if driving).



7 Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud GL6 7QW

A centre for adult education surrounded by 40 acres of land. The old walled garden which is open today is behind the house. For twenty years

it has been managed biodynamically. It produces herbs and flowers for the house and vegetables for the kitchen. There is an orchard planted in the 1970s with many varieties of apples and pears.

Talk to me about

- ☛ Community farming
- ☛ Feeding the world

Taster Biodynamic gardening 2pm

Head for Gloucester on the A46. Directly North of the Stratford Park roundabout turn right towards Wick Street. Hawkwood is about a mile on the right. Drive up to the car park. Signs will direct to the walled garden.



8 Park Infants School, Elm Road, Stonehouse GL10 2NP

Spacious ground with a greenhouse and soft fruit area, meadow area, willow tunnel and willow shelter. There is an established nature area and outdoor classroom with bug hotel and wildlife pond. Mini-orchard, butterfly garden, strawberry seat and the main vegetable growing area.

Talk to us about

- ☛ Children's gardening and cookery clubs
- ☛ Making strawberry jam and elderflower cordial

Go north up Stonehouse High Street towards Gloucester, turn left into Elm Road. The school is on the left.

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Two new gardens/orchards are opening on Sunday 28th. See the website for details. www.edibleopengardens.org.uk

15 Day's Cottage, Upton Lane, Brookthorpe GL4 0UT

16 The Shrubberies School Post 16 Centre, The Apperley Centre, Woodcock Lane, Stonehouse GL10 3EU