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OF THE
BEST

GARDENS

this March

THE OLD VICARAGE

The Street, Washington, Sussex RH20 4AS
7,14,21,28 MARCH

The 3½ acre garden at The Old Vicarage is set around an 1832 Regency house (not open) in the pretty village of Washington, West Sussex. As well as the stunning views looking towards the North Downs, enhanced by mature and various specimen trees, the garden has many pockets of interest. There is a Japanese garden with its waterfall, pond, bamboo and grasses, a further large water garden and numerous creatively planted herbaceous borders. A working kitchen garden has glasshouses, fruit cages, orchard and vegetables.



Shake off the winter blues by visiting some wonderful Sussex *National Garden Scheme* locations this March

PEMBURY HOUSE

Ditchling Road, Clayton, West Sussex BN6 9PH

1, 7, 8 MARCH

Pembury House is a country garden, tidy but not manicured. Depending on the vagaries of the season, the hellebores and snowdrops are at their best in February and March. Winding paths give a choice of walks through three acres of garden, which enjoys views of the South Downs National Park. Suitable footwear, macs and winter woollies advised. A German visitor observed 'this is the perfect woodland garden'. Year-round interest.

NYMANS

Staplefield Road, Handcross, Sussex RH17 6EB

16 MARCH

One of NT's premier gardens with rare and unusual plant collections of national significance. In spring see blossom, bulbs and a stunning collection of subtly fragranced magnolias. The Rose Garden, inspired by Maud Messel's 1920s design, is scented by hints of old-fashioned roses. The comfortable yet elegant house, a partial ruin, reflects the personalities of the creative Messel family.

BATES GREEN GARDEN

Tye Hill Road, Arlington, East Sussex BN26 6SH

17 MARCH

This plants woman's tranquil garden provides interest through the seasons. Woodland garden created around a majestic oak tree, with a colour themed middle garden. Courtyard gardens with seasonal container displays. Front garden is a spring and autumn joy with narcissi, primroses, violets then coloured stems and leaves of cornus and salix. Wildlife pond and wildflower meadow. Gardened for nature and wildlife.

DENMANS GARDEN

Denmans Lane, Fontwell, Sussex BN18 0SU

17 MARCH

Created by Joyce Robinson, a brilliant pioneer in gravel gardening and former home of influential landscape designer, John Brookes MBE. Denmans is a Grade II registered post-war garden renowned for its curvilinear layout and complex plantings. Enjoy year-round colour, unusual plants, structure and fragrance in the gravel gardens, faux riverbeds, intimate walled garden, ponds and conservatory.



KING JOHN'S LODGE

MANOR OF DEAN

Tillington, Petworth, Sussex GU28 9AP
17 MARCH

Approximately three acres of traditional English garden with extensive views of the South Downs. Herbaceous borders, early spring bulbs, bluebell woodland walk, walled kitchen garden with fruit, vegetables and cutting flowers.

KING JOHN'S LODGE

Sheepstreet Lane
Etchingham, Sussex TN19 7AZ
23 MARCH

A four-acre romantic garden for all seasons. This is an ongoing family project since 1987 with new areas completed in 2020. From the eclectic shop, nursery and tearoom, stroll past a wildlife pond through an orchard with bulbs, meadow, rose walk and fruit according to the season. Historic house (not open) has a broad lawn, fountain, herbaceous border, pond and ha-ha.

DOWN PLACE

South Harting, Petersfield, West Sussex GU31 5PN
23-24 MARCH

The garden at Down Place is set on the South Downs with panoramic views out to the undulating wooded countryside. The garden merges seamlessly into its surrounding landscape with rose and herbaceous borders that have been moulded into the sloping ground. There is a well-stocked vegetable garden and walks shaded by beech trees.

JUDY'S COTTAGE GARDEN

33 The Plantation, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 2AE
29 MARCH

A beautiful medium sized cottage garden with something of interest all year-round. There are little hidden areas to enjoy, a small fish pond and other water features. There is also a pretty log cabin overlooking the garden.

47 DENMANS LANE

Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex RH16 2JN
30 MARCH

This beautiful and tranquil one-acre garden has been described as a 'garden where plants star'. Spring bulbs are followed by azaleas, rhododendrons, roses and herbaceous perennials.



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