

Conservation Management Plans project update

In autumn 2013, The Garden History Society uploaded the first edition of its list of Conservation Management Plans to Parks and Gardens UK, where it is still available as a free download:

www.parksandgardens.org/conservation/conservation-management-plans

This list contained 1000 entries, and was compiled with tremendous support from national heritage organisations, local groups (especially County Gardens Trusts) and landscape practices, with funding from English Heritage. In response to the sector's enthusiastic response to the project, the GHS has committed to its future and is now funding the list's ongoing maintenance. We of course would welcome donations, however small, to support the project, and are particularly seeking

sponsors for future uploads, who in return for a donation would have their logo and details on the list.

We are working to upload a second edition of the list at the end of June 2014, and are delighted that it will include new entries from major landscape practices not previously represented, students and, as always, individual submitters.

Do please use the list, making a donation, and, of course, please continue sending us details of any CMPs that you may have commissioned, written, used, or simply have on your shelves.

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Historic Landscape Project training events: do join in!



Linden Groves explaining best practice for engaging volunteers, MOVES: Mission, Organise, Volunteers, Energise, Share at a recent Historic Landscape Project training event

To make the most of our remaining year of English Heritage funding, we have crammed into coming months an enormous number of training events, to which all members of the Garden History Society and the County Gardens Trusts are very welcome to attend.

Working with our colleagues in the GHS conservation team and at Parks and Gardens UK (PGUK), we are intending to provide events across the country, variously dealing with Significance, Designation, Planning System Essentials, and the How and Why of putting together projects such as those working with PGUK www.parksandgardens.org to research First World War memorial landscapes and Capability Brown sites in preparation for the Capability Brown Tercentenary celebrations.

These events are still very much a work-in-progress, but as a rough guide, we have a speculative schedule of:

- Significance in the south west in June, north in July, more to be announced
- Designation moving throughout the country over the forthcoming year
- Planning System essentials (particularly planning application comment letter writing), in London in November and December
- With PGUK, developing First World War and Capability Brown Tercentenary projects, moving across the country over this summer and autumn, starting in July in Birmingham

Details of all events will be confirmed in due course so please keep looking at the GHS and Association of Gardens Trusts websites:

www.gardenhistorysociety.org and www.gardenstrusts.org.uk for further information, or register your interest by emailing us at the addresses below. We hope to see you soon!

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Call for Papers

'Capability' Brown: Perception and response in a global context

Deadline: 31 August 2014

ICOMOS-UK is organising an international conference, at the University of Bath from 9 to 11 September 2014, to explore themes around 'Capability Brown: perception and response in a global context'. Part of the Capability Brown Tercentenary, the conference is organised in collaboration with the University of Bath, in association with the Garden History Society and the National Trust, and supported by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes.

As well as forming the basis of the conference, papers will also be considered for a special issue of *Garden History* 44 to be published in Summer 2014. To propose a conference and/or journal paper, please submit a concise one-page abstract (max. 300 words), in English, by e-mail to admin@icomos-uk.org by **31 August 2014**. Full details can be found at www.icomos-uk.org/about-us/events/

For further information, please contact: SarahYates@icomos-uk.org

10th Annual Essay Prize

The judges won't be meeting till later in June, but are already delighted by the large number and high quality of submissions this year:

We will therefore be announcing the winner in the next edition of the **GHS news 94**, late summer 2014.

Katie Campbell, Chair of Judges

GHS Events 2014

for full details of our events please see **GHS news 93** or www.gardenhistorysociety.org/events

Warley Place and Thorndon Hall with London Parks & Gardens Trust 10.30am to 5pm, Thursday 3 July

We still have a few places left for the study visit to Warley Place and Thorndon Park, with our two excellent guides Ailsa Wildig and Sarah Green. Warley Place has recovered a lot of its garden heritage since it was last visited by the society 20 years ago and Thorndon Park with its rich palimpsest of history tells a fascinating story.

£35 per person including lunch. Contact **Robert Peel**: rma.peel@btopenworld.com

AGM and Graduate Symposium Friday 25 July

Whilst attendance is free, if you would like lunch or dinner you will need to book. See the enclosed Form: booking closes 24 June.

A prelude to the Great War AGM & Summer Conference Friday 25 to Sunday 27 July

Our annual Summer Conference is a great opportunity to meet other garden historians in a convivial setting with lectures and garden visits in the company of experts in the subject. Our Conference includes the AGM & Graduate Symposium.



Cardiff Castle: Norman Keep and Castle Green

Visits this year are to **Tredegar House** (extra Thursday), **Bute Park**, **Craig y Parc**, **St Fagan's Castle**, **Cardiff Bay**, **St Donat's Castle** and **Dyffryn Gardens**.

Booking now closes on Thursday 19 June.

Cost: £328, see the Booking Form sent out with our previous mailing or look at the website for full details. Contact Anne Richards: 01432 354 479 or email: anner@knoll12.plus.com

William Shenstone A Tercentenary Conference with Pembroke College, Oxford Friday 15 to Sunday 17 August

This cross-disciplinary conference will explore Shenstone's significance as both poet and garden-maker, and how those

identities overlapped or coalesced.

Topics include the way Shenstone's piquant writings, pre-eminently the *Unconnected Thoughts on Gardening*, have inspired artists including Ian Hamilton Finlay, his relationship with the glamorous exile Lady Luxborough, his literary coterie in the Midlands and the sheer originality of The Leasowes.

Cost: Residential: £375; non-Residential: £275. Contact **Huw Edmunds**, Pembroke College Head of Conferences and Events: huw.edmunds@pmb.ox.ac.uk

Edinburgh Gardens and Squares Conference

Friday 26 September

Edinburgh's historic gardens and squares are a result of the development of the city following late 18th-century ideals of town planning. This was part of the philosophy of the Age of Enlightenment. These landscapes form an important and integral part of the Edinburgh World Heritage site.

The Conference aims to explain their significance, to celebrate them and to demonstrate how they can be maximised for the benefit of the social, economic and cultural life of the city in the 21st century.

The Conference coincides with **Doors Open Day** weekend when many of the gardens will be open to visitors.

Held at the George Hotel, the day concludes with a reception hosted by The Royal Bank of Scotland in Dundas House, overlooking St Andrew Square.

Cost: £60 (student tickets: £20). At George Hotel, 19–21 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PB. Contact Peter Ranson: Peter.Ranson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Autumn Study Trip Gardens of the Italian Lakes Friday 3 to Thursday 9 October

There are still places available on the GHS Study Trip to landscapes and gardens in Piedmont and Lombardy, being led by **Robert Peel** and **Mirna Colpo**.

Our first days are spent in and around **Biella** exploring cultural landscapes and a natural reserve as well as a vineyard *or*ne. The gardens are more profuse beside **Lakes Orta and Maggiore** and include the impressive **Villa Taranto**, the **Borromeian islands** and **Villa della Porta Bozzolo**. The last day is spent in and around **Varese** and includes **Villa Cicogna Mozzoni**, before the trip ends at Milan Malpensa Airport.

The price is £1030 per person sharing and includes all accommodation and breakfasts, most other meals, all site visits

and the services of guides, and transport by coach: it does not include air transport to Turin and back from Milan, or whichever option is selected by the individual traveler.

Please note, all the single rooms have now been taken and so only friends prepared to share a room will now find accommodation.

Please contact **Robert Peel**: rma.peel@btopenworld.com or **Clare Marsh** of Success Tours: 01225 715 952 or clare.marsh@successtours.com

Study Day on Memorial Landscapes of the First World War The Garden Museum, Lambeth 10am, Saturday 8 November

The Study Day will explore the effect that WWI had on our parks, gardens and open spaces, the lives of the people involved and the subsequent memorials created.

See the enclosed Programme & Booking Form for full details of the day.

Managing the Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Estate

Joint Autumn Lecture with the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland 6.30pm, Monday 10 November

Michael Ridsdale, Head of Landscape, Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Estate, National Trust, will speak about the multi-disciplinary management of this World Heritage landscape.

At Riddle's Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2PG.

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