

2008 Highworth Festival Events

We will be updating this panel in Highworth Link every month as details develop.

Saturday/Sunday 7/8th June – Open Gardens weekend

This is always a very popular event. Approximately 20 gardens will be open in the town for you to browse through and wonder at the efforts of their owners to make them enjoyable for you. In a few there will also be the opportunity to enjoy afternoon tea.

The gardens range from quite small to fairly substantial, but each is unique. This year they include the gardens of Westrop Cottage with its famous ice tunnel and the garden of Westrop House, which is currently in the process of having a much needed refurbishment by its new owners.

18 The Willows

48 The Willows

38 Eastrop

42 Eastrop

46 Eastrop

Pump Cottage, Eastrop

Old School House, Shrivenham Rd

4 Shrivenham Rd

24 Shrivenham Rd

26 Shrivenham Rd

28 Shrivenham Rd

14 Botany

11a Cricklade Rd

Westrop House, Cricklade Rd

Westrop Cottage, Cricklade Rd

7 Oak Drive

40 Cricklade Rd

27 Grove Orchard (Sat only)

22 Lechlade Rd (Sun only)

Pentylands Farm, Pentylands Lane

Millbrook House, Pentylands Lane

On both afternoons gardens will open from 1.00pm and will close at 6.00pm. Tickets costing £3 (under 16s free) can be purchased on the day from any garden but can also be obtained in advance from the Lighthouse Bookshop and the Library when you will also be given a schedule of all the gardens which will be open including a brief description. At the last Festival four years ago the Open Gardens event raised over £1000 for festival funds despite a wet Saturday. Please help make this year's event even more successful whilst at the same time having a very enjoyable afternoon. Whatever you do please pray for good weather!

The Open Gardens weekend is being organised by Norman and Trish Jeffery, co-founders of the very successful Highworth Gardening Club. Norman is also a member of the Festival Committee. The Gardening Club meets on the third Monday of the month in St. Michael's Hall, at 7.45 p.m. and has a very varied programme of speakers and outings. For more information telephone Norman or Trish on (01793) 762805.

Friday 13th June – Quiz Night

7.30pm at St Michael's Hall, cost is £12 per team of four. For entries, contact Ian Barrett, Tel: 07825 239061. Teams are welcome to provide their own liquid refreshments.



Friday 13th June – Anti-litter poster competition

Friday 13th June is the closing date for entries in this competition which is open to children under 11. There will be three prizes for the first, second and third winning entries. All the entries will be displayed as part of the Children's Art Exhibition on June 28th at Southfield School. Put your name, age and address on the back of your poster and hand it in at the Library.