



# Knoll Gardens Foundation

May/June 2019

*Inside: Help us raise money for our new Learning Resource Centre - while you shop!... More events in the garden... Recent wildlife sightings... Join us!*

## Midsummer madness

We'll be celebrating the summer solstice in style this year. With events running throughout the day and our first evening concert, Friday 21 June is going to be a very special day at Knoll Gardens.

### Get Dorset Buzzing

Dorset Wildlife Trust will be joining us for the day with its 'Get Dorset Buzzing' roadshow. DWT was instrumental in helping us install our own luxury bee hotel several years ago and we are delighted to welcome their roadshow. It's part of DWT's biggest ever campaign to help our pollinators and there'll be plenty of advice and even some fun activities to enjoy. Admission is free to DWT members, all who have signed up to the Get Dorset Buzzing campaign, and anyone joining DWT on the day.

### NGS Open Day

We'll also be opening the garden gates to the NGS, one of the most significant charitable funders of nursing charities. The admission charge on 21 June will be donated to their work.



*Bumblebee at Kingcombe © Catherine Bolado*

### Evening concert

**Bring your blankets and a picnic and celebrate the solstice in style as you enjoy our first evening concert - Terry Riley's In C.**

Performed by musical ensemble Gerauschersteller this is a rare opportunity to hear the work of one of our greatest living composers of classical music. First performed in San Fransico in 1964, In C created a new way of making music, providing scope for the musicians to react to each other and the ambience of the performance space. Expect an innovative meditative experience in tune with our glorious naturalistic setting!

Gates open at 7pm and booking is essential. Tickets are £10 of which £7.50 will go towards building our new Learning Resource Centre.

More information and online booking at [www.knollgardens.co.uk](http://www.knollgardens.co.uk)



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# Current events and ...



## May

### **Volunteer Recruitment Open Morning**

**Friday 3 May 10.30am - 1pm - also on 23 August.** No booking required  
Meet up with some of our volunteers and find out about the volunteering opportunities we can offer.

### **Bee Walk**

**Friday 3 May 11.15am - 12.15pm - also on 12 July.** £5.50. Book online.  
Join our bumblebee surveyor Rowena Jcock to find out more about our bumble, solitary and honey bees. Will you be able to tell the difference?



### **Indoor Gardening**

**Saturday 11 May 10am - noon.** £45.

Create your own terrarium with Laura Hall as you learn about the history of this fascinating form of indoor gardening, and the step-by-step processes involved to produce a filled demijohn (provided) to take home. To book email [interiorbotanical@gmail.com](mailto:interiorbotanical@gmail.com)

## June

### **Bat Walk**

**Thursday 6 June 8.45pm - also on 5 August at 8.15pm.** £6.50. Book online.

Enjoy an evening with Jan Freeborn as you search for our most elusive night time visitors.

### **We Value our Volunteers**

**Friday 7 June, 10am - 3pm .** No booking required

Run alongside National Volunteers Week, this special Community Open Day is our way of saying 'thank you' to everyone who takes the time to volunteer in whatever capacity. Please bring proof of your volunteering status for free garden admission.



### **Mosaic Workshop**

**Saturday 8 June, 10am - 4.30pm.** £65.

Learn how to create your own mosaic with Sarah Moore. Materials are provided but you can also bring along personal items to include in your work such as shells, buttons, beads or china. To book call Sarah on 01202 877183 or email [sarahmoore.sculptor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahmoore.sculptor@yahoo.co.uk)



### **Indoor Gardening for kids (with accompanying adult)**

**Saturday 15 June 11am - noon.** £10.

Bring along any sealable bottle or jar in which to make your own bottle garden using the materials provided - including soil, plants and even dinosaurs and fairy dust! To book email [interiorbotanical@gmail.com](mailto:interiorbotanical@gmail.com)

### **Get Dorset Buzzing DWT Roadshow**

**Friday 21 June, 10am - 5pm.** No booking required

Discover how to make your garden pollinator-friendly with fun hints and tips from DWT. Free admission to DWT members, Get Dorset Buzzing participants and anyone joining DWT on the day.



### **Evening Concert - Terry Riley's In C**

**Friday 21 June 7pm - 9.30pm.** £10. Book online

Bring blankets and a picnic to enjoy as you relax in the garden for this special performance of gloriously meditative music by Dorset-based musical ensemble Gerauschersteller.

*[Our event leaflet has more details or go online - knollgardensfoundation.org](http://knollgardensfoundation.org)*

# Looking forward



## A warm and sunny start

This has been a much kinder, and therefore earlier, spring than last I am delighted to say. Although we have had some cold frosty nights the warm and sunny days have brought out a lot of flower from spring flowering shrubs such as the rhododendrons and even the wisterias are now in flower. In fact it has been so warm and sunny that we have already had some good sightings of butterflies and there has been a lot of activity from early bees around our 'Bee Hotel'.

Last autumn we extended the Shady Meadow area considerably by planting a lot more *Carex remota* accented by primroses and some native bulbs such as the delicately beautiful snakeshead fritillary, *Fritillaria meleagris*. Many of these have produced flowers in their first season. The carex are still small but should begin establishing themselves this summer to produce a cool and green meadow effect in what is a shady and dry area.

Neil Lucas



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### Will you help us?

You can find out more at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or scan the QR code to see a short video about how it all works. The following link will also take you to the video: <https://tinyurl.com/y4wcpymh>

## Can you help?

We are always interested in talking to all potential volunteers, and particularly interested in recruiting someone who can help us take our message out to local events and meetings and help us with our own events in the garden at Knoll. You can find out more at our recruitment morning on 3 May or go online for more information and application forms.



## Regular events

### Early morning yoga

Our early morning outdoor yoga sessions restart in June on Thursdays from 9 - 10am.

They're a great way to start to the day, and also offer an unusual way to experience the tranquillity of the garden before it opens to the public. Places are limited and each session costs £8. To book call Jackie Hayfield on 07955 587772 or email [jackie.hayfield@sky.com](mailto:jackie.hayfield@sky.com)



## Garden fly ins

KGF Chairman Peter Gear makes regular surveys of the garden's birds. He recorded nineteen species in April including this rather stunning nuthatch.

More flying visitors were spotted on the evening of 11 April. Despite exceptionally cold temperatures bat walk participants saw more bats than ever before at Knoll so our thanks are due to Jan Freeborn for turning out on such a cold night. We will be running further bat walks on 6 June and 5 August, and early booking is recommended as they sell out quickly.

### Bugs and Buds Toddler Group

Our popular monthly Saturday morning toddler club runs from 10.30am til noon on the last Saturday of each month. To check availability email Tracy Standish at [education@knollgardens.co.uk](mailto:education@knollgardens.co.uk)



### Community Open Days

As part of our programme of special Community Open Days we welcome photography clubs, art groups, wildlife and horticultural organisations to the garden. More details of these special days can be found online.



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**Garden opening times:** The garden is currently open from 10am - 5pm Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays - just follow the brown signs. [More details at www.knollgardens.co.uk](http://www.knollgardens.co.uk)



The Knoll Gardens Foundation is dedicated to refining and promoting a wildlife friendly naturalistic gardening style, using the garden at Knoll as a practical example and base for experimentation.

The Foundation relies on donations, legacies, fundraising events and grants to finance its work and welcomes contributions from those who share a passion for gardening and wildlife.

The Knoll Gardens Foundation is registered as a charity in England and Wales: 1159390.

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