

## HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE FORTESCUE GARDEN HOUSE GOLDEN JUBILEE APPEAL

### 1 Your details (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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### 2 I would like to make a donation of £ ..... to The Garden House Jubilee Fund

Your donation will be used for any of the projects described in the Appeal Leaflet but you may, if you wish, specify a use in one of the following areas:

- Jubilee projects in the Garden  
 Identified Trees in the Jubilee Arboretum (£500 minimum per tree)  
 Jubilee Visitor Reception and Interpretation Centre in the House

### 3 Method of payment

Cheque (payable to *The Garden House Jubilee Fund*)

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### 4 Make your donation worth 25% more at no extra cost

I would like the Fortescue Garden Trust to claim Gift Aid on my donation, and confirm that I pay income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed.



Signature ..... Date .....

### 5 Legacies

The future of The Garden House would be further ensured by leaving the Fortescue Garden Trust a legacy in your Will. If you would like further information about how your generosity could be acknowledged, please tick the box to receive a Legacy leaflet.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

Please return this form to: Golden Jubilee Appeal, The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 7LQ

## TOMORROW..... SO WHAT OF THE NEXT HALF CENTURY?

Matt's imagination is brimming over with new concepts, new plants, and new landscapes which will continue to excite the horticulturalist, thrill the garden-lover and maintain The Garden House's position at the forefront of Britain's visitor attractions. Outlined here are some of the garden projects we will bring to fruition.

### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE ARBORETUM

The centrepiece marking the Golden Jubilee will be a new arboretum, created on the site of the former nursery, east of the Walled Garden. The two acre site will contain over a hundred new trees, many of them recent introductions from the temperate zones of the world, all carefully selected for their interest and impact throughout the seasons. The arboretum will be easily negotiated by gently winding wheelchair-friendly paths. The area will feature two new summerhouses and bridges, positioned to take advantage of tree-framed vistas across a new lake and towards the Walled Garden. Shrubs will be interspersed in between the paths and undulating meadows will play host to drifts of historic daffodils, underlining the importance of this flower to local industry in the near-by Tamar Valley.



JUBILEE ARBORETUM – LAKE AND SUMMERHOUSE



PROPOSED JUBILEE ARBORETUM



ACER GLADE RILL IN FEBRUARY

### ACER GLADE RILL AND WINTER WALK

Underpinning all Jubilee projects is the aim to increase seasonal diversity of all plantings. This includes a Winter Walk around the entire garden, working towards extended opening in February in the near future. Work has already started on transforming the Acer Glade, with its fabulous autumn colours, into a year round feature. The Acer Glade Rill cuts a path beneath the canopy of Japanese Maples, and is lined with thousands of primulas. The area will be further characterised by a wealth of glowing stems, textured evergreens, snowdrops, aconites and spring bulbs.



COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM 'ATRORUBENS'



EPIMEDIUM GRANDIFLORUM

### NATIONAL PLANT COLLECTIONS

Very much in the Fortescue tradition is a continued aim to grow only the best plants available. This has always been reflected in the collections of plants at The Garden House and has been helped by creating and retaining important links with Gardens and Gardeners, both here in the UK and further afield. With inherently strong links to plant conservation, we plan that the garden will become home to a number of Plant Heritage National Collections, selected by Matt who has a wide knowledge of the genera that are proposed: *Epimedium*, *Colchicum* and *Erythronium*.



ERYTHRONIUM, GARDEN HOUSE HYBRID

### VISITOR RECEPTION AND INTERPRETATION CENTRE

As well as the exciting new garden features, the Visitor Attraction and Education objectives of the Trust will also be addressed. The entrance to The Garden House will be moved to the front of the house, thereby enabling a large information and interpretation display to be created for the greater enjoyment and information of visitors. This will enable visitors to better understand the horticultural and social features of The Garden House at the start of their visit, before going on to enjoy the magnificent spectacle. The area will also provide retail space from which visitors can buy from a range of carefully selected items.



ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF THE INTERIOR



ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF THE EXTERIOR



MATT WITH HORTICULTURAL STUDENTS

The Plant Sales area will be improved and more informative labelling introduced, linking the mature plants in the garden and their younger counterparts available for sale.

The Educational and Training objective of the Trust will be vigorously developed, there are plans for more young horticultural students to work and study at the garden, an education area will be established within the new nursery for teaching practical horticulture, and there are plans to provide work experience courses for local school children.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Your donation to our Golden Jubilee Appeal will ensure our plans come to fruition. With your help, the decades to come will bring further interest, enjoyment and excitement to this internationally renowned garden in the Devon countryside.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE APPEAL

### THE GARDEN HOUSE

Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon PL20 7LQ

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'..... one of the finest gardens in Britain'

# GOLDEN JUBILEE APPEAL

### PATRONS

The Lady Anne Berry, Christopher Brickell CBE VMH, Geoffrey Cox QC MP, Nancy Fortescue, Carol Klein, Roy Lancaster OBE VMH



THE ELEGANT  
DIERAMA PULCHERRIMUM

## WHAT IS IT THAT HAS MADE THE GARDEN HOUSE

*‘..... one of the finest gardens in Britain’*

This quote from the renowned horticulturalist, Alan Titchmarsh, has been repeated many times in different forms over the last decade by other distinguished gardeners and writers. We could also ask: what should be done to enhance and enrich this reputation in the years to come? Perhaps Patti O'Brien's conclusion in a recent feature article in Country Living provides the answer: *'the combined efforts of three great gardeners have created a horticultural masterpiece.'*



LIONEL FORTESCUE

The three great gardeners are Lionel Fortescue, Keith Wiley and Matt Bishop. Under the timeline – **YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW** – we outline some of their finest achievements and provide a foretaste of the exciting new features which are planned to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Fortescue Garden Trust, the independent Charity which owns and manages The Garden House.

KEITH WILEY (CENTRE) WITH ALAN TITCHMARSH AND RACHEL DE THAME DURING FILMING FOR THE GARDENERS' WORLD TV PROGRAMME



RHODODENDRONS, INCLUDING FORTESCUE'S OWN HYBRIDS, IN AN UPPER TERRACE OF THE WALLED GARDEN



## YESTERDAY

The garden at The Garden House has its origins in the passion of Lionel Fortescue and his wife, Katharine, in turning the overgrown grounds of the 19th century vicarage, which they bought in the 1940s, into a superbly designed and imaginatively planted 2-acre Walled Garden. Romantically centred on the ruins of a 14th century monastery and displayed on four terraces to the north of the house, Lionel's famous creation was inspired by his artistic eye, his imaginative use of colour, texture and form, and his gardening mantra *'nothing but the best'*. From the beginning, Lionel had the foresight to create his garden with three ambitious and distinctive aims:

### PUBLIC ACCESS AND ENJOYMENT HORTICULTURAL INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

These were enshrined in the objectives of the Fortescue Garden Trust which Lionel and Katharine generously founded in 1961 so that



JUNE IN THE COTTAGE GARDEN LOOKING TOWARDS ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND MONACHORUM



GLORIOUS AUTUMN COLOURS AROUND THE ACER GLADE BRIDGE

their garden would be open forever to horticulturalists, teachers and the general public alike. One indication of the success of the Trust is that, in the 50 years since its inception, this small corner of West Devon has welcomed more than a million visitors from all over the world who have marvelled at its beauty, versatility and unique character.

In 1978, Lionel made the inspired decision to appoint Keith Wiley as Head Gardener. Subsequently, in his 25 years at The Garden House, Keith boldly expanded the garden into a 6-acre pasture to the west of the house in a style, 'New Naturalism', which will forever be associated with his name. This pioneering approach involved a combination of novel plant selection and imaginative landscaping designed to re-create, in the Devon countryside, vistas inspired by Keith's observation of natural plantscapes from around the world. Examples include the Acer Glade giving an impression of the autumn colours of New England, the Cottage Garden inspired by the sheer density of flowering in a Cretan meadow and the South African Garden characteristic of the spectacular spring flowering of African deserts.



THE BULB MEADOW

## TODAY

The Fortescue and Wiley eras have bequeathed to The Garden House one of its most characteristic and endearing features: the combination of exquisite individual plants, small areas of superb plant selection and arrangement which can (with skill!) be reproduced in visitors' own gardens, and magnificent vistas in the finest tradition of English landscape gardening.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GARDEN WITH POPPIES IN EARLY JULY



The year 2003 saw the start of a new chapter in the history of The Garden House with the arrival of the current Head Gardener, Matt Bishop. Matt's brief was to be true to Lionel's objectives for the Fortescue Garden Trust by maintaining The Garden House as everyone's *'favourite garden'* (as Carol Klein has described it), whilst also ensuring that the garden remained a crucible of new ideas and new plants at the cutting edge of horticultural excellence and innovation.



MATT BISHOP, HEAD GARDENER, ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST EXCITING HORTICULTURALISTS

Matt has already achieved spectacular success in meeting this brief. The iconic Walled Garden has been refurbished in the lower terraces in the true Fortescue tradition of colour, texture and form. The South African Garden is an example of Matt's ambition to extend the season of interest in many areas of the garden. Similarly, a Wild Flower Meadow has been created with an astonishing variety of species. The Bulb Meadow has been enriched so that spring comes early at The Garden House.



THE WALLED GARDEN: FORTESCUE TRADITION PLUS MATT BISHOP'S SCHEME OF NEW PLANTS AND NEW IDEAS



WILD FLOWER MEADOW IN APRIL



FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS



THE LONG WALK IN SPRING



THE OVALS GARDEN



RHODODENDRON 'KATHARINE FORTESCUE', RAISED BY LIONEL FORTESCUE