

## Hill Close Gardens Events Calendar 2018

**Opening times:** Apr-Oct Gardens open daily 11am-5pm. Tearoom open Sat, Sun & Bank Holiday Mon, Nov-Mar Gardens only open Mon-Fri 11am-4pm. Closed to public **Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

**Normal opening hours and charges apply to events unless otherwise stated.**

**Entry:** Adults £4.50 Children £1 (Under 5s, HCGT & RHS members free). Children must always be accompanied by an adult. Free admittance for accompanying adults to children's events marked **C**.

**Special fundraising events marked F. Donations welcome.**

Please tel. 01926 493339 or email [centremanager@hcgf.org.uk](mailto:centremanager@hcgf.org.uk) to book a place for events marked\*.

Further event information on [www.hillclosegardens.com](http://www.hillclosegardens.com)

Feb 3 Sat&4 Sun	<b>Snowdrop Weekend F:</b> indoor display and open gardens.	11.00am – 4.00pm
17 Saturday	<b>Snowdrop Open Day:</b> opening in aid of National Gardens Scheme.	11.00am – 4.00pm
Mar 18 Sunday	<b>Spring Event for members and volunteers:</b> talk and tour.	2.00 – 4.00pm
29 Thursday	<b>Easter Family Workshop C*</b> Hop along to join in a basket full of 'eggstremely' and 'eggciting' Easter themed art and craft activities. Join Peter Rabbit on the Bunny Ear Trail, and create your own floppy ears and curly whiskers. £4 per child. Pre-booking essential.	10.30am – 12 noon
31 Sat–2 Ap Mon	<b>A Very Victorian Easter F:</b> visitors are welcomed to the start of the main season at Hill Close with reminders of Victorian Easter celebrations all around the gardens. Chocolate, Easter eggs and Easter cards....Victorian style.	Normal opening hours
Apr 7 Saturday	<b>Volunteering Day:</b> a chance to find out about the exciting range of volunteering opportunities at Hill Close Gardens.	Normal opening hours
13 Friday	<b>Head Gardener's Walk.</b> No extra charge.	2.00pm start
24 Tuesday	<b>Propagation Workshop*</b> Tickets: £15 HCGT and RHS Members £12. Pre-booking essential	10.00am – 2.00pm
28 Saturday	<b>A Celebration of May Day and Springtime:</b> traditional Maypole Dancing set amongst spring flowers and displays.	Normal opening hours
May 11 Friday	<b>Head Gardener's Walk.</b> No extra charge.	2.00pm start
31 Thursday	<b>Spring Half-Term Family Workshop: 'Mini Beasts'. C*</b> Creep along to the gardens, crawl under the hedgerow, dig for wiggly worms, create some mini-beasts of your own. £4 per child. This event must be pre-booked.	10.30am – 12 noon
June 8 Friday	<b>Head Gardener's Walk.</b> No extra charge.	2.00pm start
23 Saturday	<b>Midsummer Jazz in the Gardens*</b> Picnic in the gardens from 6pm, Roy Forbes Quintet return to Hill Close to play from 7.00. Cake & drinks on sale. Tickets: Adults £13.50 Concessions (under 16s and over 65s) £11	6.00 – 9.00pm
July 3 Tuesday	<b>Heartbreak Productions Drama: The Railway Children.*</b> Picnic in the gardens from 5.00pm. Drama starts at 6.30pm. Cake and drinks on sale. Tickets: £14 Concessions (under 16s and over 65s) £11	5.00 – 9.00/9.30pm
13 Friday	<b>Head Gardener's Walk.</b> No extra charge.	2.00pm start
26 Thursday	Bring your favourite bear and a picnic and join us at our annual <b>Teddy Bears' Picnic C*</b> £4 per child. This event must be pre-booked.	2.00 – 4.00pm
Aug 10 Friday	<b>Head Gardener's Walk.</b> No extra charge.	2.00pm start
11 Saturday	<b>Hill Close Remembers: At the Going Down of the Sun.*</b> Kenilworth folk group Romany Pie present a First World War anthology of songs, readings and poems, including some with local interest. There will be an opportunity to see an exhibition about life on the home front in Warwick, and light refreshments will be served after. Tickets: £11 including refreshments and a donation to a veteran's charity. This event must be pre-booked.	6.30 – 8.30pm
Sept 1 Saturday	Opening in aid of the <b>National Gardens Scheme.</b>	Normal opening hours
14 Friday	<b>Apple Walk: Head Gardener's Guided Tour.</b> No extra charge.	2.00pm start
15 Sat & 16 Sun	<b>Heritage Weekend.</b> Free entry for all.	Normal opening hours
Oct 14 Sunday	<b>Apple Day &amp; Country Fair F:</b> harvest displays, stalls, arts and crafts for all the family.	Normal opening hours
25 Thursday	<b>Half Term Family Workshop: 'All about Autumn'. C*</b> Explore the gardens, grab armfuls of fallen leaves and celebrate the most colourful of seasons with a host of arts and crafts. £4 per child. This event must be pre-booked.	10.30am – 12noon
27 Saturday	<b>Chrysanthemum Open Day F.</b> Free to Plant Heritage, RHS and HCGT members	Normal opening hours
Dec 11 Tuesday	<b>Winter Pruning Workshop*</b> Tickets: £15 HCG and RHS Members £12 Pre-booking essential	10.00am – 2.00pm
15 Sat & 16 Sun	<b>Illuminated Gardens at Christmas F:</b> details to be announced.	Time to be announced

**Watch the website for exciting seasonal workshops, such as 'Garden to Plate'.**

**Thursday Drop Ins: 2nd Thursday of each month, excluding August and September. 9.30 – 11.00am**

Playing and Learning in the outdoors for families with pre-school children. All welcome.

See website for further details.