

# Wherwell Open Gardens



Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2012

1.30pm – 5.00pm

Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

Entry to gardens is undertaken at own risk

## **1. Goddards**

The garden of this 18C house is not one for the purist. The grass areas are mown pastureland where cattle used to graze. The overcrowded borders house an eclectic array of plants and colours, whilst the vagaries of the winter and spring weather have delayed the blooming of some plants and advanced that of others so that they are past their best. Nonetheless, its secluded SW direction enables it to be sun blessed and provides a haven of tranquillity where the shadows of life can fall behind.

*By kind invitation of Mrs M Hellier*

## **2. 28 Church Street**

This house, at around 500 years old, may well be the oldest house in the village. *It was built as a bailiff's dwelling, and then became two modest farm worker cottages.* The rear garden most probably had grazing for a donkey and was laid to vegetables. New last year was a tiled topped wall between the two cottages which continues as a beech hedge. The Garden layout is still very much as in my Grandfather's time, several of the roses and trees dating from then.

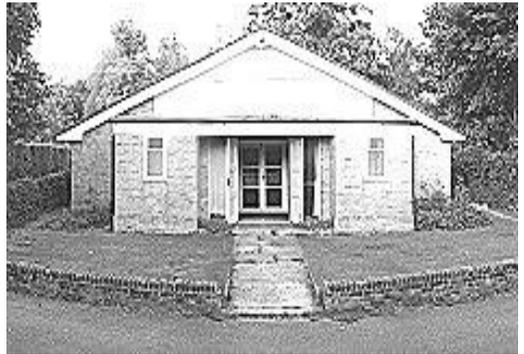
*By kind invitation of Mike & Mary Gee*

## **3. Mole Hall**

The house, built in 1680, formed part of the Priory Estate and was lived in by the estate cook. The 18th Century barn has been restored following the original design. The garden, which borders the River Test, is a relaxing, yet colourful haven.

*By kind invitation of Sir Peter Cresswell*

***At this point in your journey, why not visit the VILLAGE HALL, which is open for tea, coffee, cakes and other refreshments***



#### **4. Manor Farm House**

Parts of the original house date back to the Tudor period, but the main house was extensively remodelled in the Georgian period with considerable use of stone salvaged from Wherwell Abbey. Bordering the River Test, the garden is an interesting and peaceful retreat from a busy world.

*By kind invitation of the Hutton Family*

#### **5. 30 High Street**

Those of you who have visited our garden before will know we do not stand still over the winter months, and last winter was no exception! We have just completed an eleven month project which involved excavating a further twenty tons of soil and chalk. Major changes have been made to the garden close to the cottage including the construction of a garden room, replacing the decking with Brick and Indian Sand Stone, creating new borders and building a water feature over two levels. Further planting of the main and long borders has taken them closer to maturity.

Welcome to our garden, we hope you enjoy the visit.

*By kind invitation Sue Filmer & Robert Lawrence*

#### **6. Dancing Ledge**

Originally a bakery and village shop, now a family house with a large garden running down to the River Test with flower beds, tennis court and swimming pool.

*By kind invitation of Michael & Joyce Payne*

## **7. Riverside House**

This is only our third year in the garden so it is very much a 'work in progress'. We are extremely fortunate to have roughly one acre with 100 yard frontage onto the Test.

The first thing we did was to get permission to remove the six very ugly, alien, dark Conifers and replace them with local Hampshire indigenous Trees.

We then started to make large wild flower beds which, in the end, worked reasonably well last year. We are hoping they will be better this year! We have one 'proper' flower bed.

We have put in a new hut and have started a small vegetable garden surrounded by a new Yew Hedge. In the same area we are growing Buddleia and Nettles to encourage Butterflies etc. We also are hoping to 'adopt' a pair of hedgehogs to munch the slugs etc.

PS: The garden is really down to the hard labour of Melanie Hill and Trevor Gilbert!

*By kind invitation of Sir Michael and Lady Emma Parker*

## **8. West Mill**

This brick flint thatched cottage was built about 1750. It borders on the River Test and the wooden footbridge, which now goes over the Test as part of the *Test Way*. The ford alongside the bridge is still used by horses. The ford was once an important crossing place for carts laden with wheat. The mill no longer exists but the cottage, with its splendid view of the river, remains. The garden that slopes down to the river is a haven of peace from which the trout, ducks and other wild life may be enjoyed.

*By kind invitation of Mary and Nicholas Grey*

***Continue to the end of Fullerton Road, turn left, then right IMMEDIATELY after the bridge. Fullerton Mill can be found on your left***

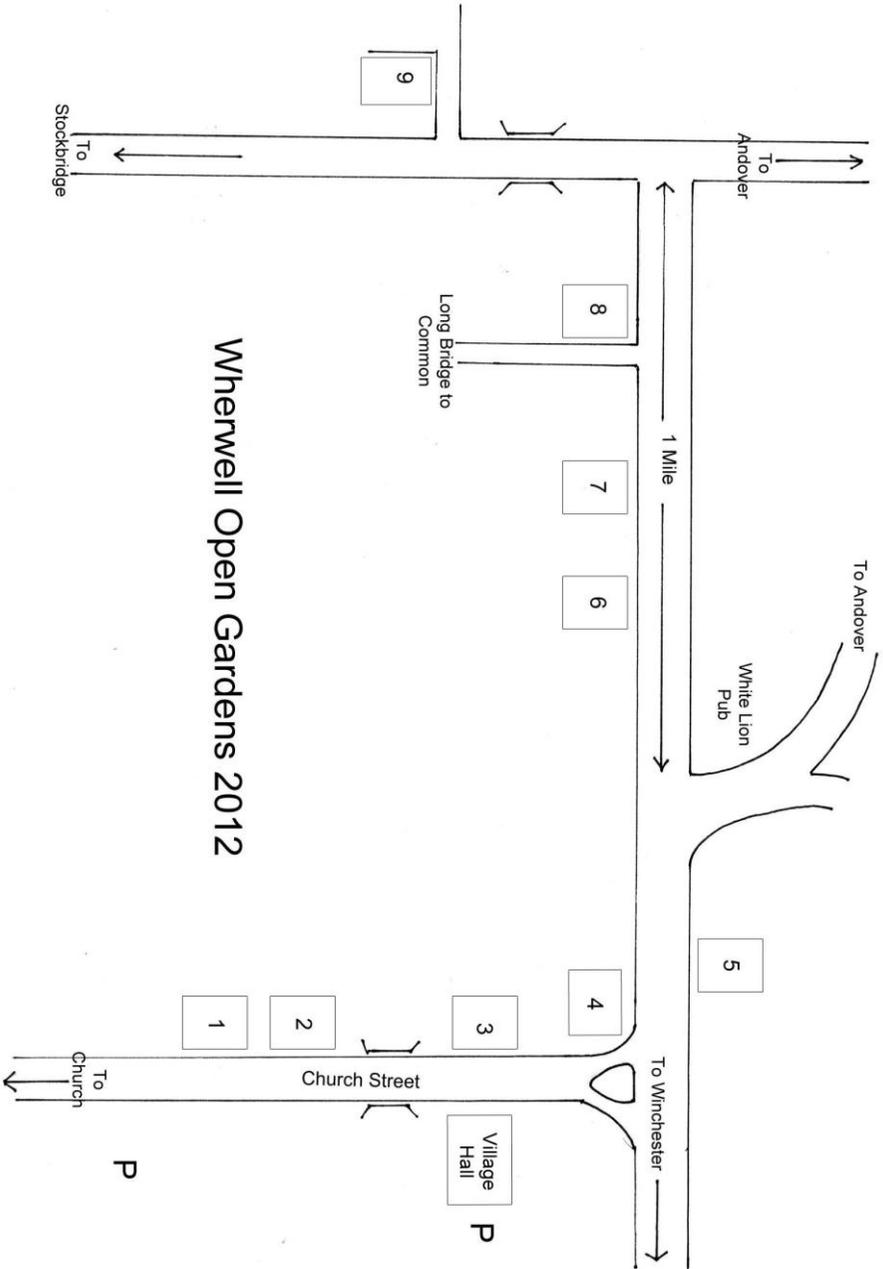
**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Fullerton Mill is about 1 mile from the centre of the village. For those who wish to drive, there is parking available in the field adjacent to the house for 15-20 cars**

## **9. Fullerton Mill**

Antony and Susan Ansell have lived at Fullerton Mill since 2000 it having been in the family since the late 1800's. They enjoy many people coming to enjoy the lovely setting for quiet day retreats or even baptising new believers in the river.

*By kind invitation of Antony & Susan Ansell*



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