

MANCHESTER LANGUAGE SCHOOL

THE MONTH OF THE ROSE (EGT3)

Saturday 9 June to Saturday 16 June 2012

The June programme is designed for garden lovers who wish to combine their professional or hobby interest in gardening with practising and extending their English language skills. Each day starts in the classroom with vocabulary handouts and briefing notes. Participants leave well prepared to make the most of the day ahead.

This programme includes two longer tours to the English Lake District and Peak District National Parks. Many of the gardens have roses hybridised by David Austin. The visit to his own rose garden and nursery is a particular highlight of this week.

Saturday 9/6 **ARRIVALS**

Sunday 10/6 **MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE & THE 'YELLOW BOOK' GARDENS OF DIDSBURY**

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| Morning | English conversation class and garden briefing <i>Introduction to Manchester and the National Garden Scheme</i>
Manchester City centre tour. |
| Afternoon | Return to Didsbury and visit five of the 'National Garden Scheme 'Yellow Book' gardens
Drinks in Moor Cottage garden |
| Evening | Dinner with host families |

Monday 11/6 **CHATSWORTH AND THE PEAK DISTRICT**

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| Morning | English conversation class and garden briefing <i>Town and Country – an Introduction to Chatsworth and the Devonshire Family</i> .
Depart for Chatsworth, 'The Palace of the Peak' via the village of Tideswell in the Peak District National Park. |
| Afternoon | Chatsworth is a 17 th century palace with a rich collection of art and antique furniture. The house, set in 400 hectares of 'Capability' Brown landscaped park, is home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The gardens at Chatsworth are 'Pleasure Grounds' on a vast scale (maintained today by 17 gardeners), with |

fountains and avenues, arboreta, a maze,
baroque cascade and sculpture.
Evening Dinner with host families

Tuesday 12/6 **ARLEY HALL**

Morning English conversation class and garden briefing
In an English country garden. Followed after a
coffee with *The Herbaceous Border –*
Introduction to Arley Hall

Afternoon Visit to Arley Hall and the pretty Cheshire village
of Great Budworth. Arley is famous for both its
mixed herbaceous borders and its delightful old
rose cottage garden.

Evening Dinner with host families

Wednesday 13/6 **CLASSES OF CHOICE**

Morning English conversation class and garden
briefing *An introduction to Romanticism,*
Landscape and the English Lake Poets

Afternoon Options: Watercolour class at Fletcher Moss
Botanical Garden or cookery class *The Great*
British Tea Ceremony

Evening Royal Exchange theatre visit Oscar Wilde's
Lady Windermere's Fan

Thursday 14/6 **LEVENS HALL AND THE LAKE DISTRICT**

Morning Depart for the English Lake District, Levens
Hall, a tower house dating from 1250 with
an exceptional 300 year old garden. Levens
is probably the most famous topiary garden
in the world - a synthesis of formality,
illusion and horticultural magic.

Afternoon Seven lake tour of the Lake District including
Hill Top, home of Beatrix Potter and
Grasmere home of the English Romantic
poet, William Wordsworth.

Evening Dinner with host families

Friday 15/6 **DAVID AUSTIN ROSE GARDENS AND WOLLERTON
OLD HALL, COTTAGE GARDEN**

- Morning English conversation class and garden briefing. *A Gardener's A to Z*
Depart for the nursery and rose gardens of David Austin.
- Afternoon Wollerton Old Hall. A garden of twentieth century choice influences recalling the Arts and Crafts Movement
- Evening Farewell Party at Moor Cottage with host families

Manchester Language School reserves the right to change the programme according to the availability of the gardens, personnel and venues listed and substitute appropriate alternatives.

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