

LATE SUMMER

On Wednesday 26th July 2017

the Haslemere Gardening Society visited



The Beth Chatto Garden, Essex

The **Beth Chatto Garden** – An inspirational and internationally famous six-acre garden with plants used in perfect harmony with the landscape. It is a masterclass of the “right plant in the right place” portrayed by a wealth of unusual drought tolerant specimens in the arid gravel garden, moisture loving bog and marginals in the spring-fed water garden and the flourishing shady border. The nursery offers plants for all the gardening problem areas you might imagine.



Beth Chatto OBE was an award-winning plantswoman. Her work at the Gardens began in 1960. She took an overgrown wasteland of brambles, parched gravel and boggy ditches, transforming it using plants adapted by nature to thrive in different conditions.

An inspirational, informal garden has developed. Beth oversaw the development of the Gardens into her 90s, and worked closely with her team. The Gardens remain a family-run business, managed by Beth's granddaughter, Julia Boulton.



What was once a car park is now a world-renowned Gravel Garden (which is never watered), and the dozens of plants Beth used to give to friends and family have morphed into one of the UK's leading plantsman's nurseries.



A light and airy tearoom, allows visitors to relax and take in their surroundings over a homemade cake or a delicious lunch and is also available for special private events. The gardens are open every day, all year round, except for between Christmas and the New Year.



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