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You will, I hope, have been delighted to receive with this magazine our Events Programme card although details of a couple of events were not confirmed, as we went to press, you will see we have a great year of events ahead of us.

Sunday 6 March
visit to Haddonstone Show Garden,
East Haddon, Northamptonshire

Followed by the AGM at East Haddon Village Hall.

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Saturday/Sunday 19/20 March
Welsh Weekend

Paxton's Tower, Carmarthenshire, Cilwendeg Shell House, Pembrokeshire and Foel Ortho Follies near Penybontfawr

Saturday will start with light refreshments and a visit to Paxton's Tower near Carmarthen then on to Cilwendeg in the afternoon. The Cilwendeg Shell House Hermitage is a most remarkable ornamental grotto, and a rare survival in West Wales. It was built in the late 1820s by Morgan Jones the Younger, who inherited the Cilwendeg estate upon the death of his uncle and created the Shell House in his uncle's honour. This extraordinary woodland retreat was conceived in the picturesque taste of the era, and in addition to serving as a grateful tribute to the elder Jones, it was used by his family as a cool amusement in the summer months and a contemplative reading room in the depths of the winter. When Headley and Meulenkamp saw it 'most of the decoration had disappeared' but recently it was bought by the Temple Trust, and restored in 2007 by architect Roger Clive-Powell and shell specialist Blott Kerr-Wilson. It is quite stunning and must be seen. Roger Clive-Powell will show us round.

We suggest staying in Aberystwyth on Saturday night and meeting up for a meal. On Sunday there will be a visit to Foel Ortho Follies near Penybontfawr.

Cost: Saturday including refreshments £12, non-members £14, children £8. Sunday including light lunch £6, non-members £7, children £4

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Friday 6 May
Eridge, East Sussex & Chiddingstone
Castle Kent

A chance to see Eridge Park with its towers, sham wall, caves, gardens and a talk by Christopher Abergavenny then on to Chiddingstone Castle with its orangery, bridge, well, tower, gazebo and grounds.

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Saturday 21 May
Wentworth Castle, Yorkshire

Much has changed at Wentworth Castle since the Folly Fellowship's Garden Party there in 2006. After an introductory talk from Dr Patrick Eyres we will walk in the garden and park to explore the beautifully restored buildings and also learn about future plans.

Those who were at the Garden Party might recall my rash promise that on the *FF*'s next visit we would toast the success of the project at Stainborough Castle. True to my word, the day will end with a glass of fizz.

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Saturday 18 June
Clearbeck Gardens, Lancaster

As featured in Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets

Together with a visit to Kirkby Lonsdale to see Ruskin's View and Andy Goldsworthy's sheepfolds.

Organised by garden owners *FF* members Peter and Bronwen Osborne
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Friday 29 July
Tabley House, Knutsford and
Eaton Hall nr. Chester

Visit to an unknown tower set within the grounds of Tabley Hall before going onto Eaton Hall which has a recently completed grotto, and several follies, including a temple and parrot house set to a backdrop of Alfred Waterhouse's Gothic architecture.

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August
Annual Garden Party
 TBC

Sunday 3 September
Archbank House, Moffat, Dumfries

Colin Stokes (of Colin's Barn) has worked his magic here.

Organised by Hilary Peters *e:* peters666@btinternet.com
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Saturday 24 September
Hereford Borders

Cadmore Tower, Westonbury Water Gardens and Hampton Court.

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Sunday 16 October

Burt's Bits - an exploration of one man's architectural legacy in and around Swanage.

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PAXTON'S TOWER