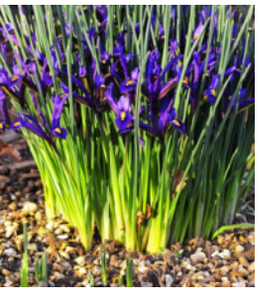
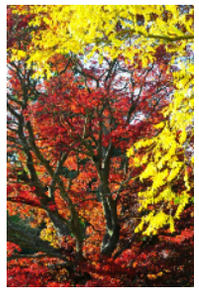
About the Swiss Garden

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The Swiss Garden, Old Warden Park, Bedfordshire, was created in the 1820s by Lord Ongley. It is an outstanding example of the Regency fashion for creating landscapes in a picturesque 'Swiss' style, and has many buildings and features also designed in the alpine style. In the 1870s the 9-acre garden was bought by the industrialist Joseph Shuttleworth who introduced Victorian 'improvements', while retaining the original layout.

The garden underwent a major restoration in 2013 which saw all of its 13 listed structures completely refurbished, and extensive replanting according to original schemes. Come and rediscover this Regency gem and engage with the garden through new interpretation and activity programmes.

Opening times

The garden is open to Friends year round, every day from 10am to 5pm, with some seasonal variations. Please refer to shuttleworth.org for further details.

Contact the Friends:
The Friends of the Swiss Garden, Old Warden Park,
Nr. Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 9EP
Email: friendsoftheswissgarden@outlook.com

Registered Charity 1015724

How the Friends support The Swiss Garden

The Friends' main aims are to preserve, improve and promote the Swiss Garden for the education and enjoyment of the public. We do this by:

- raising funds for special purchases
- organising a range of activities which foster interest in the garden
- encouraging volunteers to work in the garden and assist at special events

Membership rates and how to join

- £30 annual individual membership
- £50 annual joint membership
- £500 life membership (over 60 years)
- £900 life membership (under 60 years)

Find out how to become a member overleaf.

Please note that the Friends group is a charity run by volunteers. We aim to process memberships as fast as we can but please assume that it will take up to 10 days to receive your membership card/s. In special circumstances we may be able to process memberships more quickly; please email us to check.

Benefits of joining the Friends

- Unlimited free entry to areas on the Shuttleworth site which are open to the public during normal opening hours*
- Regular 'Clippings' newsletter
- 20% discount in the Shuttleworth shop
- 15% discount on food and beverages in the Runway Café
- 10% off entry price for some Shuttleworth events (check shuttleworth.org)
- the opportunity to join the Friends' committee, to attend the AGM, and to get involved with Friends social events in the garden and elsewhere
- Friends may bring children into the garden free of charge
- NB Friends must show their membership card to claim these benefits.

* Excludes Airshow days, and some garden event days, when entry to the Swiss Garden is only available to those who have event tickets. Please visit shuttleworth.org for the dates of these events.

How to join the Friends

Please note that it is **NOT** possible to join the Friends at the Shuttleworth Visitor Centre.

1. Please complete the membership application section of the form below.
2. Choose how you want to pay. You can pay either by Standing Order, by cheque, or by direct bank transfer. Please use the Standing Order option if you want your membership to renew automatically each year.
   PAYING BY STANDING ORDER - Fill out the standing order area below and send it to us by email or by post. Don't forget to fill out the membership application section as well.
   PAYING BY CHEQUE - Write a cheque for the appropriate amount and send it to us with your completed membership application form.
   PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER - Make your transfer using the details in the box below and write the date you made your payment in the space provided. Send us your form by email or by post - addresses below. Don't forget to fill out the membership application section as well.

Membership application

☐ Individual £30 ☐ Life member (under 60), £900

☐ Joint £50 ☐ Life member (over 60), £500

Name: . . . . . .

2nd Name: . . . . . .
(joint memberships only)

Email: . . . . . .
(we communicate mainly by email)

Address: . . . . . .

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. . . . . Post code: . . . . . .

Telephone: . . . . . .

Your payment will be eligible for Gift Aid if, by ticking this box, you confirm you are a UK taxpayer ☐ giftaid

Signature:. . . . . .

Date: . . . . . .

Our postal and email addresses:
The Membership Secretary, Friends of the Swiss Garden, Old Warden Park, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 9EP
friendsoftheswissgarden@outlook.com

Standing Order Form

ACCOUNT NAME: Friends of the Swiss Garden
SORT CODE: 20-41-12, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 43917924

I would like to make a regular annual payment of £. . . . . starting on dd/mm/yy: . . . . . .
(please choose a start date one month from now. Your renewal payment will be taken on the same date each following year)

Signature: . . . . . .

Print name: . . . . . .

YOUR BANK DETAILS. To the Manager of:

Bank name: . . . . . .

Address: . . . . . .

. . . . . Postcode: . . . . . .

Sort code: . . . . . .

Account number: . . . . . .

Account name: . . . . . .

Paying by bank transfer

Please transfer funds to:
ACCOUNT NAME: Friends of the Swiss Garden
SORT CODE: 20-41-12, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 43917924

☐ I paid by bank transfer on (date): . . . . . .

We will use your data only to communicate with you on matters relating to the Friends of the Swiss Garden. Information will be shared appropriately with the Shuttleworth Trust, Charity No: 307534

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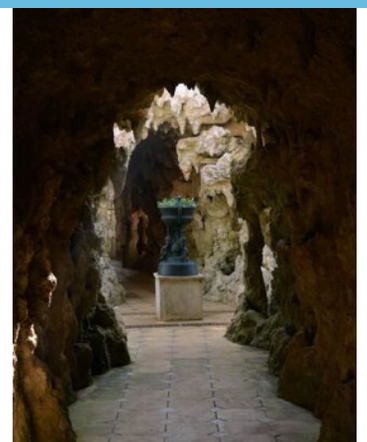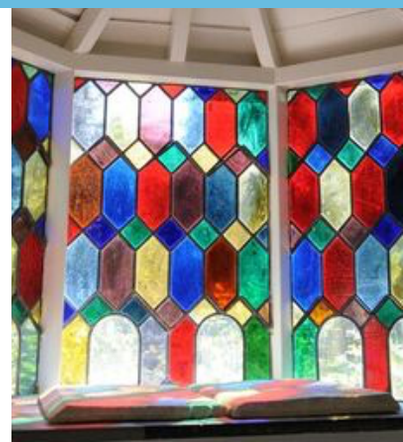
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