

12 Reasons to become a Friend of Dalemain

Returning seasonally to this glorious formal garden surrounded by a working farm and steeped in history is why so many people join the *Friends of Dalemain*. Rediscovery brings the visitor all sorts of new perspectives. The lush summer grasses with sheep quietly grazing below the terrace in August give way to Autumn scents, structural changes and new planting in September and new ideas forming over the winter until the Garden reawakens as the Marmalade Festival comes round again.

Our annual *Friends of Dalemain* Garden Party is a highly anticipated event every June and as a Friend you get a first look at events, courses and other highlights.

Perks of Being a Friend of Dalemain

Private Summer Garden Party, Early booking of tickets for events, free entry and half price for a guest, 10% discount on plant stall specialist tours. Ask a member of staff about joining the Friends of Dalemain today.

Annual Events and Highlights

January

Garden Highlights:

- Aconites begin to poke through the winter hardened earth and yellow flourishes bring colour to a garden that is starting to come back to life after a frosty winter.

February

Garden Highlights:

- Snowdrops carpet the ground at Dalemain
- Crocuses poke their vibrant purple and saffron coloured heads above the ground signalling the start of Spring.
- Spring bulbs begin to come up.

March

Garden Highlights:

- The Black and White Garden starts to flourish. This has been developing since 2020.
- Hellebores: These are the heroes of March, giving colour and vibrancy to the still slightly sleepy garden.

April

Garden Highlights:

- Snakes Head Fritillaries and *Leucojum* in the spiral garden. These populate this meditative space in abundance
- Apple blossom signalling Spring and the reopening of the garden

Events:

- The Mansion reopens for the new season
- Marmalade Festival

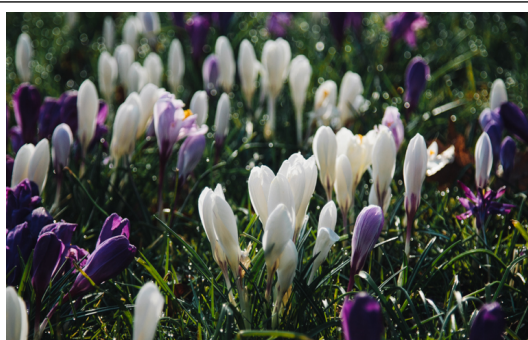
May

Garden Highlights:

- Blue poppies, *Meconopsis Dalemain*
- Tree Peonies are a fleeting ephemeral beauty that only lasts for a very short time.
- Wisteria

Events:

- Fell Ponies: The Stallion Show
- Carriage Driving



June

Garden Highlights:

- Historic collection of roses with their incredible scents that permeate the garden.
- Herbaceous borders in flourishing glory.
- *Cranby Cordifolia*, a firework of heavenly flowering for only two weeks.
- Alliums and Geraniums in the Low Garden

Events:

- Plant Fair: A selection of specialist nurseries.
- Friends of Dalemain Annual Garden Party

July

Garden Highlights:

- Marmalade Martagon Lilies by the Wendy House
- Herbaceous borders continue with burgeoning swagger
- The Animal Garden is at its height: Catmint, Foxgloves, Tigerlilies mix with Elephants Ears, Zebra Grass, Solomon's Seal and Goats Beard.

August

Garden Highlights:

- Celebration of this formal garden in full bloom. Rose scents mix with smell of mid-summer showers and the heat of an August day. Wandering along the terrace in the late afternoon is a high point.

Events:

- Fell Ponies: Summer Breed Show
- Classic Car Show

September

Garden Highlights:

- Autumn colours transfuse the garden with colour. A highlight for photographers.
- Annuals that bloom in profusion and colour the garden all the way through to November.

Events:

- Harvest Festival

October

Garden Highlights:

- Autumn colours saturate the space, vibrant reds, yellows and ochres team with the cycle of life.
- Apple Time, make sure you go into the apple house for a tang of this heady Autumn scent.
- Insight into putting the garden to bed and overwintering plants.

November

Garden Highlights:

- Winter structural interest takes precedence as flowers die back.
- Evergreen shrubs and trees create architectural interest.

December

Garden Highlights:

- Christmas berries and variegated holly.

Events:

- Christmas Lunches in the Old Hall with bountiful Christmas foliage ensuring we end the year with merry and festive celebration.

