

March 8th: Trip to Gravtye Manor with Jason from MVVA



March 9th Maurice Fosters: Study Day





March 10th: Trip to Elizabeth Strangman's

Elizabeth Strangman's gorgeous if not perfect Hellebores really helped me to look at Hellebores and plants in general with more attention to detail. What makes a good plant, a good Hellebore a good flower. These are all questions I have thought of before but to see someone who has committed their life to breeding perfect Hellebores really helps to put meaning behind a question. Elizabeth's garden was built by Ed Flint who worked at Dixter and also at Elizabeth's Nursery back in the day





March 13th: Lifting, Dividing and planting *Symphiotrichum lateriflorus* (or *laterifolius*) var. Horizontal rows back in the Peacock Garden. After digging and then dividing the Asters we marked out a straight line and began to plant back double rows of asters along the paths of the Peacock Garden. Prior to asters Christo had lavender which did not cope with the heavy clay soils and wet winters.



March 24th: Hellebores scattered around providing color in the barn garden



Dinner with Fellow Americans



Trip to Rotherham with Dean Charleton. A bit of guerilla planting, Mothers day dinner, Deans father's incredible garden and Sheffield 'Grey to Green.'





March 20th: A photo that never gets old. *Corlyopsis glabrescens* underplanted with *Scilla bithynica* next to Lutyens circular steps.







Gravetye again: March 25th with the students



Munstead Wood with Annabelle Watts and the students: March 25th (Before Gravetye)

