World Topiary Day 2023 Online Treasure Hunt

Well, here I am, retracing the footsteps of the astute fellow from the past who hid the secret recipe for Levens Hall's famous Morocco Ale in the gardens, during the English Civil War. Be an astute detective ahead of World Topiary Day 2023 and you could go one better than Cromwell's men and actually discover where I now re-hide it.

Just study the virtual map, read my clues and decide the location in which you believe the recipe is hidden. Send details of that place, plus your name, address and telephone contact details, to wtp.@catapultpr.co.uk. If you have no email, send these details by post to, Recipe Treasure Hunt, Catapult PR, c/o The Keep, 30 Castle Avenue, Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7NW.

Entries close at 5pm on May 19, 2023, so be quick! Be the first correct answer drawn and you could win a 2023 family season ticket to visit the gardens at Levens Hall and a £25 voucher to use in Levens Kitchen.

Here are the clues:

It's time for tea but the Cup and Saucer exists no more. Instead, I accept the shade of an umbrella and 'drink in' a little lop-sided wedding cake. I talk to some several-times-over centurions and am encouraged to wander amidst some of David Austin's finest, getting on the scent of where to hide my recipe. Wandering further, I face the side view of an Elizabethan gem. I follow a path to the left and keep on walking, until what is beneath me turns green. I suppose I'm hedging my bets before I find myself centre stage within a geometric shape. I debate whether to head to a biblical place of temptation or watch Cumbrian clouds reflect on water. I choose the latter and rest on a bench, wondering if what is before me is one of youth. I ponder where to hide my precious recipe. Should it be in the pink? I determine that the pull of the colour of the House of Lancaster is too strong for that and am lured in that direction. Then, by chance, I find the perfect spot. It's comical that I didn't think of it sooner and by no means a nutty choice. Folk can perhaps enjoy their own sort of Eureka moment, should they stumble across my hiding location. Where do I hide the recipe?

