

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21st
February

Winter Scent

by Gail Plant

Gail comes from Much Marcle and last visited us in 2014. She provides a huge range of scented plants and exhibits regularly at Hellens Garden Festival. Hopefully she will bring a good selection along for us to see and smell.

Tuesday 21st
March

The Red Fortress and the Summer Palace Gardens of the Alhambra and Generalife, Granada, Spain

by Nathalie Mignotte

Natalie is a former lecturer and Academic Manager of the Horticultural Department at Hartpury College, her interest lies in the relationship between faith & gardens and on how sociological and religious symbolism have been represented in and influenced the evolution of gardens.

Tuesday 18th
April

Inspirational Gardens from Traditional English to Japanese

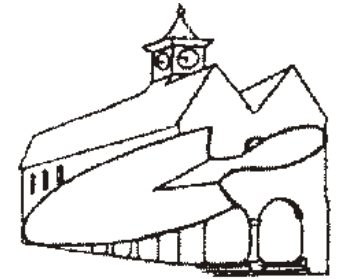
by Brian Skeys

Brian is a freelance gardener with interest in a naturalistic style of gardening as well as Japanese gardens. He is also Chairman of the Black Pear Gardening Club, Worcestershire.

Monday May 29th
to Friday June 2nd

Gardening Club Holiday to Norfolk

This year's holiday is taking us to Norfolk, staying in a 4 Star Hotel in Norwich. (Please see inside for more details).



Ross-on-Wye **Gardening Club**

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A Happy New Year to you all

At the AGM last November it was agreed that we should change the name of the Horticultural Society to **Gardening Club**. It was thought that the new name sounded more friendly and hopefully will encourage more younger people to join.

In future then, all cheques etc should be made payable to Ross-on-Wye Gardening Club.

Three members of the committee have decided to retire, they are Sylvia Greer, Heather Lovett and Margaret Willis. We would like to thank them most heartily for their hard work and support over the years.

Newsletters

We are going back to 4 newsletters a year and will print in January, April, July and October.

Single Flower Competition

Congratulations to Margaret Willis for winning last year's competition. This year's competition will run from February, each month up to July, then we have a break in August and September (where we have a garden visit and a lecture), then the last opportunity to enter will be in October.

See inside for Competition Rules



Single Flower Competition Rules

You may enter as many or as few specimens as you wish for each competition at a cost of 20p per exhibit. Everything you enter must have been grown at home by you. Each item will be marked out of 10 points on its own merit. **In order to qualify for a prize you must have entered at least three times in different months.** (Please ask a committee member if you need more information.)

Note from Bridget

May I remind you that I collect used stamps, British and foreign, all year with the money raised going to the Acorns Children's Hospice in Winchester. If you have any stamps especially after Christmas, I would be very willing to take them at any of our monthly meetings. Thank you - Bridget Forsdike

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Gardening Club Holiday to Norfolk

Sunday 29th May
to Friday 2nd June



Highlights of the trip will include visits to:

The Sandringham Estate, Blickling Hall, Coton Manor Gardens and East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens. Also on the itinerary is a trip on the Bure Valley Steam Railway and a boat trip on the Norfolk Broads.

Four star, half-board hotel accommodation in Norwich is included in the cost of £343 (plus single person supplement where applicable).

We will need at least 40 people to make this holiday viable, but at present we only have half that, so we urgently need you to rally round and invite friends, relatives, any one you know, to come on what looks like to be a fabulous trip. Eileen needs to know by the end of January at the latest if you wish to come.



Blickling Hall



Coton Manor



East Ruston Old Vicarage



Request from Bridget Forsdike

Please examine your £2 pieces and if you have a 2016 dated one, I would be very grateful to swap it in exchange for one from another year.

Also the Royal Mint circulated 4 different 50p pieces last year to celebrate Beatrix Potter's 150th anniversary of her birth. These coins depict Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle Duck, Mrs Tiggywinkle and Squirrel Nutkin.

As above I would be delighted to receive any of these in exchange for another 50p from a different year.

I hope you can help me.
Many thanks, Bridget

