

## Dates for the Diary

May  
Tuesday 16th

### Talk by the Gloucestershire NGS

by Gareth Williams

Gareth and his other half Sarah, have a lovely 2 acre garden, at Lower Farm House in Cliffords Mesne. The garden includes a woodland, stream, large natural lily pond, rockery and bog garden. It also features herbaceous borders, a pergola walk, a terrace with an ornamental fishpond, kitchen and herb garden, as well as collections of irises, hostas and paeonies. There are also many interesting and unusual trees and shrubs. For NGS open dates see: [www.ngs.org.uk/?bf-garden=17290](http://www.ngs.org.uk/?bf-garden=17290).

Monday May 29th  
to Friday June 2nd

### Gardening Club Holiday to Norfolk

This year's holiday is taking us to Norfolk, staying at a 4 Star Hotel in Norwich.

June  
Tuesday 20th

### Hardy Perennials and Scented Violas

by Mr Jack Willgoss

Jack and his partner Laura are specialist growers at the Wildegoose Nursery in Shropshire. The nursery has gained a reputation for both its hardy violas and an extensive range of wonderful perennials and grasses. They are RHS Gold Medalists at Malvern and Silver Gilt Medalist at Chelsea.

July  
Tuesday 18th

### Climbers Ramblers and Scramblers

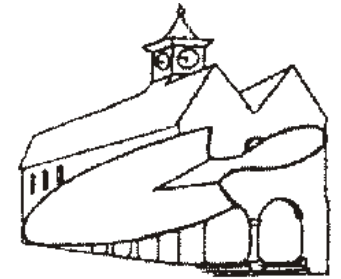
by Mr M R Bracher

Maurice Bracher retired not that long ago from being head gardener at Burford House in Tenbury Wells, where he worked his way up through the ranks with hands-on experience.

Quiz Answers: 1.Nitrogen 2.Swiss 3.Gills 4.Seagull 5.Echium  
6.Poached Egg Plant 7.Rose of Sharon 8.Agave 9.Cosmos 10.Endive  
11.Malice 12.Calcium Nitrate.



April Love by Arthur Hughes 1855-6



Ross-on-Wye Gardening Club

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## Information Update Holiday to Norfolk

Sunday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Good News: The holiday is now fully booked with about fifty percent members and the rest made up with visitors. If we make them feel most welcome, hopefully some of them will be persuaded to join our club.

### The Pick up Locations will be as usual:

- Much Birch
- Ledbury Road
- The Chase
- The Conservative Club
- Firs Road

If you have not done so already, please contact Eileen Richards to let her know which point you would like to be collected from. The times will be advised nearer the date.



Sandringham

*Many thanks to  
Eileen for organising  
this fabulous holiday*



Blickling Hall



Coton Manor



East Ruston Old Vicarage

**Put down your trowel, sit down in your favourite spot in the garden and put your little grey cells into action for a few minutes**

1. What is the essential nutrient that promotes green leafy growth.
2. Salix Helvetica is better known as ?\_\_ willow.
3. The papery ribs under mushroom caps that disperse spores are called what?
4. What Bird gives its name to varieties of rose, snowdrop and daffodil.
5. Which genus includes pride of Madeira and vipers bugloss?
6. What is the common name for Limnanthes douglasii?
7. Hypericum calycinum is better known as?
8. Which genus of succulents has rosettes of fleshy, sword shaped leaves.
9. ?\_\_ astrosanguineus is a chocolate scented plant thought to be extinct in the wild.
10. What is the plant with bright green, curly leaves that adds a bitter flavour to your salad?
11. What is an old common name for Malva neglecta?
12. What do you spray apples with to stop bitter pit?



*(Answers on the back page)*

## Request for plants and seedlings

If any of you have an over abundance of plants in your garden, or any spare seedlings that you would like to find a new home for please consider donating them to our monthly Gardening Club meeting sales. It helps us raise much needed funds.  
Many Thanks



## AUTUMN LECTURE

### Gardening with the Best Beloved by Val Bourne

Val Bourne is an award-winning garden writer, organic gardener and lecturer. Her garden is on the wind-swept Cotswolds at Spring Cottage, high above Bourton-on-the-Water in Gloucestershire. She manages a third of an acre without using chemicals – something Val has always believed in. – and is a hands on gardener and committed plantaholic.

Val and her Best Beloved moved to Spring Cottage in 2005 when it was a weedy plot devoid of any plants. Worse still, the garden shed was full of out-of-date chemicals that included, among other things, a yellow tin of DDT.

Ten years on, there's a healthy ecosystem, drawn in by her planting and gardening style. She finds she has learned a lot more about how gardens work, and encounters fewer problems in a chemical-free garden, rather than more. She says "You'll enjoy it more, you'll be healthier and most importantly of all, so will our planet".

Val writes for The Daily Telegraph, Saga Magazine, Crocus, Hartley Botanic, Garden Answers, the Hardy Plant Society Journal and many other magazines.

