

## Dates for the Diary

**January**  
Tuesday 23rd

### Tool Sharpening for the Terrified

by Will Scott

Will Scott and his wife Julia own the Walled Garden in Worcester. There will be demonstrations on how to sharpen your garden tools, so please bring along your shears, secateurs, scissors, knives etc to demonstrate on - the more the merrier.

**February**  
Tuesday 20th

### Weeds

by Roger Umpelby

Think differently about weeds from now on as Roger will give us an alternative look at their uses and characteristics such as for medicines, flavouring, dyes, fibres as well as the benefit they give to other plants, animals, and us - as edibles.

**March**  
Tuesday 20th

### Butterflies

by Steve Mason

Entomologist, Steve Mason will talk about his 50 years of experience in the Butterfly world and describe ways we can encourage butterflies into our gardens and protect their habitats.



**April**  
Tuesday 17th

### Ned and Bumps

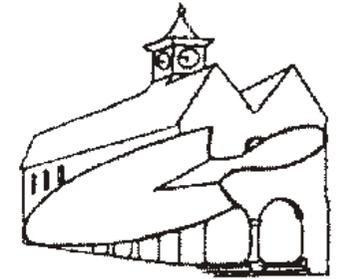
by James Cooper

A fascinating look at the work of Edwin 'Ned' Lutyens and Gertrude 'Bumps' Jekyll and their unrivalled partnership in creating stunning combinations of homes and gardens embodying the "Arts and Crafts" style.

## Reminder



The old £10 note will be phased out on the 1st March, so the meeting in February will be the last time you will be able to pay your monthly fee with the old notes.



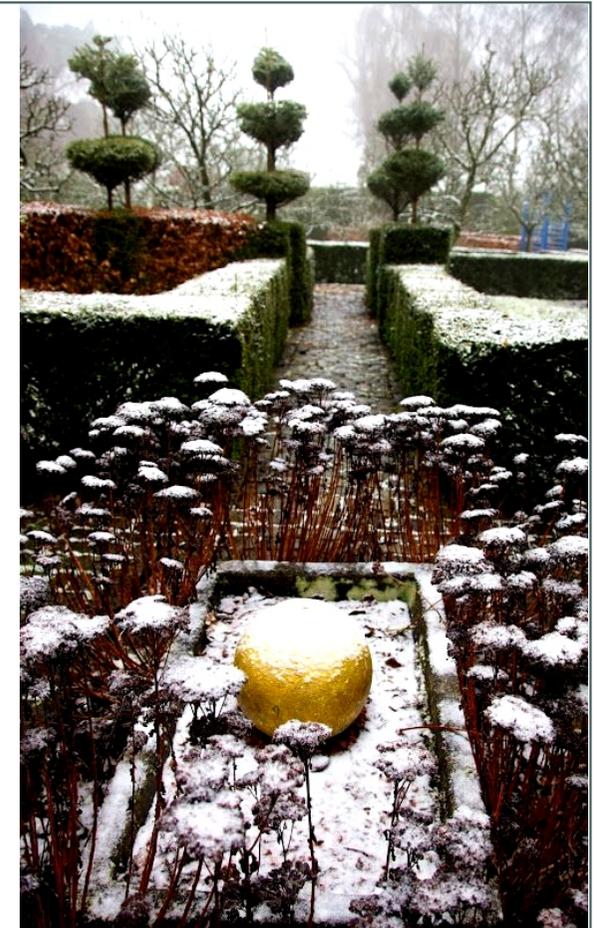
Ross-on-Wye **Gardening Club**

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**A  
Happy New Year  
To You All**



**Please read this  
Newsletter carefully  
as it contains important  
information about the  
future of your club.**



# URGENT PLEA FOR HELP!

Dear Member,

As you may or may not know it was announced at the last AGM that I as your Chairman, Elkie as your Secretary and Rob as your Treasurer **WILL** be standing down from our posts on the committee at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

So I am appealing to you, as members, for help. If any of you feel you are able and would like to fill any of these positions then please let me or one of the committee know.

Ideally it would be best if you could join the committee very soon, so you can "learn the ropes" of how the club operates before the AGM and the election of officers in November..

Please come forward because if there is no committee there can be no club.

Phil Dennis (Chairman)



## Change of Committee for 2018

Firstly we would like to welcome Bridget Vine as a new member on to our committee.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Cathy Hyett who has been an excellent programme secretary for the past three years and has arranged for some most interesting speakers.

Also Chris and Kim Harman are retiring and we thank them for all the help they have given over the years.

## Bring and Share Supper

As was agreed at the AGM our Bring and Share Supper will now take place after this year's AGM on the 20th November. Our January meeting therefore, is all about tools and how to sharpen them. So bring along all your tools that need attention and learn how to sharpen them properly.

## Single Flower Competition

Congratulations to the following winners of last year's competitions:-

- 1st Margaret Willis
- 2nd Eileen Ricchards
- 3rd Cathy Hyett

This years competition will begin again in February.

## 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).

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