

## Dates for the Diary

17th October  
(Tuesday)

### Conifers

by Mr A J Pedrick

Mr Pedrick comes from Evesham to talk to us about conifers.

21st November  
(Tuesday)

### AGM Followed by "What's in Store Today"

by Jim Teague

After the business of the evening, Jim Teague will give us a light hearted taste of what our local garden centres have to offer this season.

December

### No Meeting In December

23rd January  
(Tuesday)

2018 (also see note inside)

### Tool Sharpening for the Terrified

by Will Scott

Coming from Worcester, Will Scott will be advising us on how to keep our tools sharp and ready for the new season. Please bring any tools with you and he will demonstrate how best to sharpen them and keep them in good working order! He will also be bringing booklets and sharpening files for sale.

20th February  
(Tuesday)

### Useful, Beautiful, but Unloved; An Alternative look at Weeds" by Roger Umpelby

Roger is a regular speaker with us and is always keen to share his knowledge. Hailing from Evesham, he is a professional entomologist and horticulturalist with a love and respect for the natural world.

20th March  
(Tuesday)

### Butterfly Conservation

by Steve Mason

Steve Mason is a member of the West Midlands branch of the Butterfly Conservation charity and will talk about why and how we can protect butterflies, moths and their habitats.

### Single Flower Competition Rules (This will start up again in February)

You may enter as many or as few times 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.**

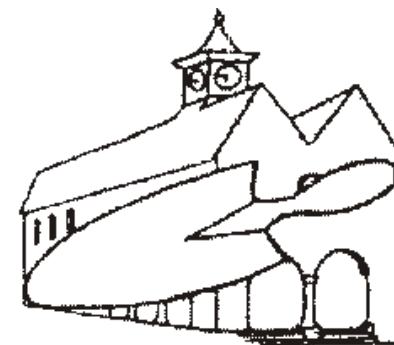
(Please ask a committee member if you need more information)



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 21st November

With this newsletter comes a nomination form for next year's officers and committee, please think about putting a name or two forward.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday every other month at 7.30pm.

Even if you only join us for a year, please give it some serious thought. It is also your chance to learn of next year's talks in advance of the programme being printed.

This year's AGM will be followed by a short talk on:

**What's in Store Today** - by Jim Teague

### Newsletter

It has been decided to issue the Club's Newsletter only twice a year - September and March. So this edition will include next year's programme up to March. We recommend you make a careful note in your diary of events up to March 2018.

### Reminder

Subscriptions are due on the 1st January 2017. £12 per member.

If you are paying by post please include a stamped addressed envelope (minimum size 6"x 4½"). Please fill in the coupon overleaf and send it to our Membership Secretary, Mrs C Dickson, The Little House, Sussex Avenue, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5AJ. **Tel: 01989 764093**





# Adjustments to 2018 Programme

Following several suggestions, the **Annual Supper and Quiz** will now be held in **November** after the **2018 Annual General Meeting** to make it more of a social event. The January meeting instead, will be a talk entitled:

**Tool Sharpening for the Terrified** by *Will Scott*. - but **Please Note** due to our speaker's other commitments, our **January** meeting, will be on **the Fourth Tuesday 23rd** (see *Dates for the Diary - back page*).

Will Scott will be advising us on how to sharpen our tools ready for the new season. I am sure you will agree that this should be very advantageous to us all. Please bring any tools with you and he will show you how to sharpen them and keep them in good order! He also will be bringing booklets and sharpening files for sale.

# Holiday Thank You

I was very appreciative of all the lovely comments following our holiday to Norfolk and I would like to thank everyone for your kind gift. With the voucher I bought a new bird table and a cage to keep the wood pigeons out.

*Next year Cornwall? - Eileen*



On 15<sup>th</sup> August, on a fine and sunny evening, 18 members visited the garden of Sue Emms and Pete Weller at Church Cottage, Hentland. This was a lovely half-acre garden packed full of "rooms" and pathways weaving from one to another with hidden corners and unusual plants that one would expect from a plantswoman's garden. We wandered through a rose garden, potager, mixed borders surrounding wildlife ponds, a white terrace and gravel garden all with interesting plant combinations and design ideas, with plenty of seats to enjoy the various views. We were treated to a lovely cup of tea and a selection of delicious cakes to end off the evening!



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