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## Saturday 26th October

**Christine Walkden**, Gardener, Plantswoman,  
TV presenter and writer of "no-nonsense" practical gardening  
books and articles.

**"How to Grow 2000 plants in a 20 x 30ft garden"** -  
How to grow lots of plants where you think you no longer have  
anywhere to grow more trees, plants and flowers.

All Welcome including Guests

**Don't forget your ticket** for this  
special event. If you still need a ticket,

Call our **Secretary Diane**,

☎ 01427 800008

email [lincs@hardy-plant.org.uk](mailto:lincs@hardy-plant.org.uk)



There will be a plant stall at our October  
meeting but NOT at our November meeting.  
If you would like to book a craft table please  
do so with Diane (above).

There will be a garden book stall as usual,  
please bring along garden books with a post  
it note giving the price of the book and your  
name or HPS if you would like to put the  
price to funds.



### Christmas Wreath Workshop

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

£15 payable in advance to cover all  
materials supplied.

Tutor: Jane Kirk

**Venue:** Great Coates House, Cooks Lane,  
Great Coates, DN37 9NW

Book with Jane Kirk at the meeting  
or online - [lincshpsworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:lincshpsworkshops@gmail.com)



Checkout our website for next year's  
2020 Programme.

[www.lincshps.org.uk](http://www.lincshps.org.uk)

*It is on the noticeboard too.*

**28<sup>th</sup> Sept** we enjoyed an informative and  
amusing talk by **Andrew Mikolajski**.

Here are some highlights:

Sweet Peas. After the benefit of trials and  
experiment we were informed that the best  
time to sow Sweet peas is in the second  
week of October. Root trainers and square  
pots were dismissed in favour of 5 or 6  
seeds in a 2 litre pot of good compost,  
placed outside exposed to the elements.  
This produces stronger plants that flower  
earlier.

Narcissi bulbs can be propagated by  
chopping a bulb into 8 or even up to 16  
segments depending on how brave you are.  
In a takeaway food tray mix some water and  
Jeyes fluid. Put on surgical gloves to protect  
you and the bulb from bacteria. Dip a sharp  
knife into the diluted fluid, then trim the roots  
and dry outer bulb casing (tunic). Cut the  
bulb in half nose to root plate (1,2) then each  
in half again (3,4). Think chocolate orange  
wedge. Dunk the segments into the jeyes  
fluid mix. In a freezer bag put some  
vermiculite or perlite, dampen it with the  
jeyes fluid mix and add the segments of  
bulb. Seal the bag keeping air in like  
goldfish. Put it somewhere dark and warm.  
When you see shoots in the garden check  
the bag and pot up the segments in gritty  
compost in a 2L pot. Bulbs are marble size, 3  
years to flowering. This also works with  
snowdrops.

Give plants a final feed now to firm the wood and make plants hardier.

Plant bare root roses in Nov burying the graft union 1" under the soil to prevent windrock. When planting out plants from pots, tease out the roots and loose the compost if it has got very dry, as it will not re-wet, plant, then surround with cardboard soak it, then mulch the wet card.

Roses can be pruned and retrained in November. Pull stems down to the horizontal to get more shoots and flowers.

Andrew, (as Bob Flowerdew before him) also extolled the virtues of wee or Liquid Gold as he referred to it. Wee is the best compost activator. 50% wee and 50% tapwater in a sealed polythene bag, a couple of tiny holes and it weeps into the soil if placed under fruit trees or bushes feeding the plants.

Plant bulbs in November.

Andrew also recommends that every gardener needs bags of grit for Christmas. (or perlite or vermiculite which is lighter and easier to wrap.)

Your thoughts:-

...."Loved the speaker today. There was a real buzz in the room and lots of favourable comments after the meeting. Well done speaker finders!"

...."I thought the speaker was great and heard lots of favourable comments good afternoon all round."

Plant Sales

...."I am happy to report that there were several new plant sellers today as well as existing ones. Fourteen members selling."



Check out the noticeboard for opportunities to help with the running of your HPS.



### Seed Packing

Ann and Bob Armstrong are organising this again sometime in Nov. Please put your name on the list at the noticeboard if you are interested in being involved.

**Woodlands, Peppin Lane, Fotherby, Louth, Lincs. LN11 0UW**

**Bluebell Arboretum** a guided tour with nurseryman Robert Vernon looking at late autumn colour and ornamental bark.

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1-3pm**

RHS members £7.95, non members £9.95  
Annwell Lane, Smisby, Ashby-de-la-Zouch,  
Leics. LE65 2TA

[www.bluebellnursery.com](http://www.bluebellnursery.com)

### GLOW Winter Illuminations

at **RHS Garden Harlow Carr**,

**21 November – 28 December**

Thursday–Saturday, 4.30pm–8pm

Special lighting effects bring a touch of magic and colour to the garden's magnificent trees and shrubs

RHS Member £5, Non member £10

Crag Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

HG3 1QB



### Winter Craft Fair

**Sat 2 & Sun 3 November,  
10am-4pm**

Admission £1 pp.

Local crafters and makers,  
all presenting their own

work in the Coach House venue.

The Bauble Barn is Open

Mon – Sat 9am-5pm & Sun 10am-4pm

Doddington, Lincolnshire. LN6 4RU

VISIT

*easton* **Artisan Food Fair**  
**Sunday 17th November,  
11am – 3pm**

Local food and drink producers plus the  
12-acre gardens open for you to enjoy

Easton Walled Gardens, Easton,  
Grantham, Lincolnshire. NG33 5AP

*Our next meeting is **23<sup>rd</sup> November***

**Rosie Hardy of**

*Hardys Cottage Garden Plants -*

**"The Trials and Tribulations of a  
Chelsea Show Garden"**