

WOTTON GARDENING CLUB - 2018 PROGRAMME

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| Jan | 16 | AGM: Reports, Election of Committee, American Supper, Show and garden photos in PowerPoint, quiz |
| Feb | 20 | GARDENS OF JAPAN: Nick Wray, the curator of the Bristol Botanical Garden, will be talking about the historic gardens of Tokyo, Nara and Kyoto. |
| Mar | 20 | BLAZE OF GLORY: Timothy Walker, the well-known lecturer and botanist, will give an illustrated talk on how to have colour in the garden from Autumn to the first frosts including the autumn borders at the Oxford Botanic Garden |
| Apr | 14 | SPRING FLOWER SHOW & PLANT SALE – to be held in the Town Hall (entries Saturday 11 April 8.00 am to 9.15 am). Open to the public 11.00 am |
| Apr | 17 | FLOWERING BULBS: Jenny Tidman, Malmesbury Garden Centre, will give a practical talk on the best flowering bulbs for the garden |
| May | 15 | PREPARING FOR THE SHOWS: Chris Small, a GFGS judge, will give a practical talk on how to prepare exhibits for shows. |
| June | 19 | GARDEN VISIT: Katherine's Woodland Garden, Swinhay |
| July | 17 | GARDEN VISIT: to be announced at the club meetings |
| Sep | 08 | AUTUMN SHOW & PLANT SALE – to be held in the Town Hall (entries Saturday 12 Sept from 8.00 am to 9.15 am). Open to the public 11.00 am. |
| Sept | 18 | TOO MANY PLANTS, TOO LITTLE SPACE: Bob Brown will give a humorous talk about how keen gardeners cope with small gardens, how to choose the best plants and stop wasting money. |
| Oct | 16 | LAWN CARE: Jon Mason, Highfield director, will explain how to clear moss, how to deal with weed and pest and disease problems, how to treat your lawn, etc |
| Nov | 20 | MEMBER'S GARDENS: two or three members will give a short presentation on what they grow in their gardens. |
| Dec | 18 | CHRISTMAS DINNER |

All indoor meetings begin at 7.30 pm in the Club Room, Gloucester Street (opposite Civic Centre car park entrance), Wotton under Edge.

SHOWS – the last time for entries on the Show days is 9.15 am. The judging starts strictly at 9.30 am and this allows 15 minutes for entrants to organise their exhibits before judging commences.

WOTTON GARDENING CLUB GENERAL INFORMATION

Our aim is to learn, encourage, and share good gardening practice and to promote knowledge of related topics. We share a passion for nature and beauty, lovely gardens, and growing all types of flowers, shrubs and trees, and vegetables.

There has been a gardening club in Wotton under Edge for over 100 years. Previously known as the Wotton Horticultural Society, we changed our name a few years ago to provide a more user-friendly image.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month (except August). A varied programme is organised using the best speakers available and visits are arranged to local gardens, nurseries and places of special interest. Whilst the talks are mostly garden related, we have occasional talks on some of the most beautiful parts of the world. We also hold a Spring and Autumn show and plant sale each year.

We keep membership fees as low as possible (£12 for 2018 including tea and coffee at our indoor meetings) and visitors are especially welcome (normally £2 for indoor meetings).

At our indoor meetings, there is a table top competition; members may enter pot plants, cut flowers, garden produce and the like which they have grown or nurtured themselves. We have a raffle with prizes donated by members and plant sales from time to time. Also, we have a garden feature competition in June and July.

Enquires may be addressed to any of the committee members (see below). Also, members and interested parties can be kept up to date by email. The contact email address is wottonview@btinternet.com

COMMITTEE FOR 2018

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President: Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall (as from 1st January 2017)