

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

NB Some dates may have changed from those printed on your membership cards, the schedule is in effect an update

Wednesday 10 th Jan	TALK: Gardening for Bees Michelle Ernoult	7.30 pm
Saturday 3 rd Feb	COFFEE MORNING	10.00am
Wednesday 14 th Feb	TALK: Out on a Limb Lesley Baker	7.30pm
Wednesday 13 th March	TALK: From City Courtyard to Seaside Sanctuary Geoff Stonebanks	7.30pm
Saturday 6 th April	LHS SPRING SHOW	2.00pm
Wednesday 10 th April	TALK: Protection From New & Dangerous Pests & Diseases. Dr Andrew Gaunt	7.30pm
Wednesday 24 th April	SELF-DRIVE OUTING: The Mathers Orchid Foundation, Pulborough & The Old Vicarage (NT garden), Washington	
Wednesday 8 th May	TALK: Fuchsias Carol Gubler	7.30pm
Saturday 11 th May	COFFEE MORNING	10.00am
Friday 17 th May	SELF-DRIVE OUTING: Orchard Cottage & Hollymount, Crowborough (NGS gardens)	
Saturday 1 st June	VILLAGE DAY – Plant stall Lindfield Common	

Wednesday 5 th June	COACH OUTING: Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers	
Sunday 23 rd June	TEA AND FLOWERS	
Wednesday 3 rd July	SELF-DRIVE OUTING: Chartwell - Guided Garden Tour & House Entry (NT)	
Saturday 6 th July	LHS SUMMER SHOW	2.00pm
Friday 9 th August	COACH OUTING: Eltham Palace, Greenwich & Polhill Garden Centre, Badgers Mount	
Sunday 11 th August	AFTERNOON TEA	
Saturday 7 th Sept	LHS AUTUMN SHOW	2.00pm
Friday 27 th September	SELF-DRIVE OUTING: Gravetye Manor Tour	
Saturday 5 th October	COFFEE MORNING	10.00am
Wednesday 9 th Oct	TALK: A Head Gardener's Year Fittleworth House Mark Saunders	7.30pm
Thursday 10 th October	COACH OUTING: Wisley Festival of Flavours	
Wednesday 13 th November	A.G.M. followed by talk French Landscape Gardens Pamela Holt	7:30pm
Friday 6 th Dec	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	7.00pm

SPEAKER PROFILES

FEBRUARY: LESLEY BAKER Out on a Limb

“I have been a tree surgeon for 37 years. My talk includes how to climb a tree, how to choose a tree surgeon and entertaining tales of what a day in the life of a tree surgeon is like”.



MARCH: GEOFF STONEBANKS From City Courtyard to Seaside Sanctuary



Having worked in senior management until being able to retire early, then falling into gardening purely by chance, Geoff Stonebanks is now a well-established gardening media writer and owner of a multi-award-winning garden, Driftwood, on the south coast that raises thousands of pounds for charity annually and which has received scores of outstanding reviews on Trip Advisor. Through his weekly and monthly gardening features, both online and in print, local and national, he writes about his own plot and provides easy to follow, constructive advice and guidance for others. He is also a long-time garden opener and volunteer for the National Garden Scheme in Sussex.

APRIL: DR ANDREW GAUNT Protection from New and Dangerous Plants and Diseases

Dr Andrew Gaunt will speak about ‘The role and work of the UK Defra Plant Quarantine Service’. Protecting the UK from Alien Pests and Diseases and dealing with West Sussex interceptions and outbreaks.

MAY: CAROL GUBLER Fuchsias

I started my fuchsia nursery in 1986 and so will have run it for 38 years! I am currently the Assistant Secretary of the British Fuchsia Society.

OCTOBER: MARK SAUNDERS 'A Head Gardener's Year' Fittleworth House



Mark Saunders will give an illustrated talk "A Head Gardener's Year" based on a year in the gardens of Fittleworth House. The talk will cover a wide range of horticultural subjects and promises something for everyone!

NOVEMBER:PAMELA HOLT The History and Work of Kew Gardens

A lecturer for 30 years, Pamela has a wide experience of teaching Horticulture and Arboriculture to all age groups; lecturing at Cannington College, Somerset (where she has tutored Charlie Dimmock), Berkshire College of Agriculture, Guildford College-Merrist Wood Campus, Surrey and the horticultural department of NESCOT (North East Surrey College of Technology) Ewell.



Pamela has collected plants in Peru and Bolivia for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew where she trained with Alan Titchmarsh.

As a keen rock climber, mountaineer and photographer, Pamela has been able to use the long college holidays to further these interests.

With several expeditions under her belt, she now has an impressive slide collection featuring alpine plants growing in their natural environment from Europe, Russia and Asia to Chile, Peru and Bolivia.

Pamela was self-employed for two years working as a Tree Officer for the London Borough of Ealing, a Tree Inspector with a consultancy firm, and Tree Surveyor for Leicester City Council.

She has recently retired as a full time Arboricultural Officer for the London Borough of Barnet after six years and now undertakes occasional part time work.