

Chairman's Chat

Well it's the start of a new year of gardening and the committee wish you all a good year ahead. Of course the only daffodil bulbs that have actually broken cover in my garden are the ones I don't want to flower until the Spring show. I obviously have them in too warm a spot. However, what a joy to see that the aconites that I was given by a kind WGA member (thank you Margaret) are just about to burst through. Catherine has booked a great year of talks for you in 2024, starting in February with a talk by the head gardener of Arundel Castle gardens and we are following that with David Hurrion in March. Both very well known nationally. So, get your membership sorted nice and early. Jane has sent you detailed information on how to do that. As always there will be further information sent out on each talk and this will also be put on the website. I have put the calendar on the second page of this newsletter so put all the dates in your diary now and you won't miss anything.



Happy
New
Year

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NO LATER THAN 16TH JANUARY please

There are several ways to renew your membership:

- *Online banking
- *Telephone banking
- *A Cheque to the treasurer,
Larissa

Jane has sent you an email with detailed instructions for each of these. Please remember to give your full name so that we can match you to the membership list.

DELIVERY

We rely on volunteers to deliver the schedule and cards. Please note that they will not be able to take money in any form at the door. If you can add your name to the distributor list please let Jane know at the admin email address.
Many hands make light work!

OUR VENUE FOR 2024

As you know we had to move out of the Chichester Hall for renovations and we thank Grayswood hall committee for housing us so flexibly in such a beautiful hall. However, the good news is that we are able to return to our home for all but one talk for 2024

JOINT GARDEN VISIT 2024

We are pleased to let you know that Milford have arranged a joint garden visit for us in June. Unfortunately the schedule was not only finished but back from the printers by the time this happened so please add it to your diaries now, :

HIGH CLANDON ESTATE VINEYARD AND GARDENS

Tuesday 9th July 2.00pm
There will be Art and Sculpture to view.
Suggested donation £7

This is nicely spaced from our own garden visit but is on the afternoon before our July talk on late summer perennials

PROGRAMME 2024

Tuesday 13 th February 7 for 7.30pm	Martin Duncan	Arundel Castle Gardens
Wednesday 13 th March 7 for 7.30pm	David Hurrion KEYNOTE TALK	Creating a Jungle Garden in the UK Climate
Saturday 6 th April 2.30 -4.00pm	SPRING SHOW	
Tuesday 16 th April 7 for 7.30pm	Andy McIndoe KEYNOTE TALK	Shrubs: discover the perfect plant for every place in your garden
Saturday 11 th May	WITSTOCK	Plant Stall
Wednesday 15 th May 7 for 7.30pm GRAYSWOOD HALL	June and John Baker	Heavenly Hostas
Wednesday 19 th June Time tba	GARDEN VISIT TO CHINTHURST LODGE	
Tuesday 9 th July 2.00pm	JOINT EVENING VISIT WITH MILFORD High Clandon Estate Vineyard and Gardens	
Wednesday 10 th July 7 for 7.30pm	Marina Christopher Phoenix perennial plants	Late Summer Perennials and Grasses
August	SUMMER BREAK	
Saturday 7 th September 2.30 -4.00pm	AUTUMN SHOW	
Tuesday 17 th September 7 for 7.30pm	Richard Ramsey of Withypitts Dahlias	Dahlias
Wednesday 16 th October 7 for 7.30 pm	AGM additional activities to be decided	
Thursday 21 st November 2.00-4.00pm	CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP	