

Wootton Courtenay Gardening Club Programme 2019

All talks begin at 7.30pm unless otherwise specified

TUESDAY 26TH FEB **Talk by Jan Waters of JW Blooms: *Cut Flowers***

Jan grows, picks and creates floristry for weddings and mail-order bouquets on her flower farm near Taunton, so she is a mine of useful information for flower-arrangers.

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL **Seedling Swap at Lucy MacQuillan's: 2.00 – 4.00pm**

This is a chance to grow something new for free. We all tend to germinate too many seedlings and end up guiltily discarding the excess – why not bring yours along and swap them? Just bring the remains of the seed-tray or pot; small pots, labels, markers and mini-tools will be on hand.

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL **Talk by Katherine Crouch: *Plants That Should be Better Known***

Katherine's credentials are impeccable, having won BBC Gardener of the Decade in 2008 and a Chelsea Gold to boot. In this talk Katherine will be giving us an insight into garden-worthy plants which aren't generally grown but deserve wider recognition.

THURSDAY 23RD MAY **Visit to RHS Rosemoor**

Rosemoor in May is a glorious sight: follow the trail of scented azaleas in the Woodland Garden, marvel at the huge wisterias and enjoy the crowds of alliums in the spring borders.

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE **Talk by Paul Hending: *Soil***

Paul has asked that members brings a jam jar (with lid), quarter-filled with soil, and something to stir it with. He will explain the importance of soil, what it is made of, how it works, and what we can do to maintain best conditions possible for growing plants.

TUESDAY 9TH JULY **Visit to JW Blooms, near Taunton**

In a secluded field in Somerset, JW Blooms grow traditional British flowers – cottage-garden favourites and wildflowers – using the 'no-dig' method. Owner Jan Waters will be on hand to answer your questions, and there is a cafe for cream teas on site, too.

TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST **Wootton Courtenay Flower and Produce Show**

The annual Flower and Produce Show is always a well-attended occasion in the village. The show is not just about horticulture, there are judging categories for photography, sewing and embroidery, and baking too. Everyone is welcome to join in – the more the merrier.

TUESDAY 24TH SEPT **Talk by Bob Looney: *Apples***

Bob helped to establish the Porlock Community Orchard, which involved renovating old, existing trees and planting new saplings, as well as installing benches for seating and bee hives for pollination. This talk will help us all understand more about the apple trees in our gardens.

TUESDAY 26TH NOV **Talk by Veronica Clegg: *Bhutan Rhododendrons***

The Eastern Himalaya have long been renowned for the wealth of their flora and have attracted botanists from all over the world. Veronica's talk conjures images of the esoteric Kingdom of Bhutan and the magnificent display of rhododendrons which bloom in the mountain forests.

For further details, call Nigel Humphries on **01643 841155**
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