

JANUARY NEWSLETTER.



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Programme

Jan 20th 2024

Trug Making by a Miserable Old Trugger –

A talk given by Carl Sadler about his life as a trug maker, working on films sets and selling his wares at shows, all whilst making a trug! If possible he will bring items of wooden garden ware that he has made for sale.

Feb 24th 2024

Bugs, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly –

is a talk given by Roger Umpelby a professional entomologist and horticulturalist with many years experience of consultancy and research with government and industry. He is a part-time advisor for RHS. A keen gardener and a passionate plant and nature lover who enjoys sharing his love and respect for the natural world with anyone prepared to listen.

Mar 16th 2024

Lilies for Your Garden with Duncan Coombs

A return visit from Duncan , on what type Lilies are available for your garden

April 20th 2024

No Dig and Poly Culture in Your Garden from

Nicola Hope - who you may remember gave a talk in January last year on her gardening experiences working with the rich, famous and royalty.

May 18th 2024

Potatoes, Peppers and Poisons and Petunias given by Paul Williams

- Paul is a writer for consumer magazines, national newspapers; author; sound broadcaster: local; lecturer. A lifetime in horticulture, 18 years as a head gardener at Bourton House, near Moreton in Marsh Glos. Former BBC local radio broadcaster. The afternoon will include a Garden Market and Plant sale. **Further details soon.**

Chairs Notes and Notices

Dear Members

The Malvern Spring Show Plant Creche

We have again been offered an opportunity to run a plant creche at the RHS Malvern Spring Show which is on from the 9th to the 12th of May 2024. Léonie Creighton will be co-ordinating volunteers for this and, if we need to, we will be requesting for additional volunteers. In return for providing this service each participant will be given a free pass into the event on the assigned day together with a parking permit. There will 20 passes available. The day(s) we are covering are yet to be agreed.

Events for Your Diaries:-

Various RHS shows and festivals for 2024:-

RHS Urban Show Manchester - 18th to the 21st April 2024.

RHS Malvern Spring Show - 9th to the 12th May 2024.

RHS Chelsea Flower Show - 21st to the 25th May 2024

Hampton Court Flower Show - 2nd to the 7th July 2024

Tatton Park Flower Show - 17th to the 21st July 2024

All the local NGS open gardens in the area :- <https://ngs.org.uk>. Look out for the Yellow Book at future meetings.

Garden Visits

Léonie has been busy and booked this years garden visits. These are as follows:-

A group visit on Saturday June 15th 2024 to Rest Harrow, Welland – cost is £6.00 per person plus £2.50 for refreshments.

A combined garden visit for Saturday July 20th 2024 to Mantoft and Hilltop Farm in Eckington. Cost is £12.00 including refreshments.

Coach trip to the Bishops Palace Gardens in Wells, Somerset for Saturday 17th August 2024 . Arriving for the garden visit at 11am so the plan is for the coach to leave Upton at 8am and be at Croft Road Worcester at 8.30am with a scheduled break on route. This garden is in the heart of the city next door to Wells Cathedral so much more to see.

The numbers for the visit will need to be confirmed approximately 2 weeks before the visit and the details and the cost of the coach visit will be on the booking forms for these visits and will follow in due course.

Finally is there a club member out there who has administration/computer skills who would be willing to join the club committee and take on some of the role currently carried out by Brian Skeys. **If so please let me or any committee member know if you are interested.**

Best wishes and a Happy New Year to you all

Larry Gleaves