

SPRING NEWSLETTER.



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Programme

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. The afternoon includes a Garden Market and Plant sale. **Further details below.**

June 15th 2024

Garden Visit – Rest Harrow, California Lane, Welland, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6NQ
Evolving over the last 17 years this 1.5 acre garden with a 5 acre wild meadow and woodland. The cost is £8.50 per person and includes refreshments.

July 20th 2024

Garden Visits – Mantoft and Hilltop Farm, Eckington Gardens , Mantoft End , Eckington, Worcestershire WR10 3DQ - These are two different gardens set in and close to the village of Eckington. **Hilltop:** one acre garden with sunken garden/pond, rose garden with herbaceous borders, interesting topiary. **Mantoft:** Wonderful ancient thatched cottage with 1½ acres of magical gardens. The cost is £12.00 and includes Tea and Cake

Aug 17th 2024

Coach trip to the Bishops Palace Gardens in Wells, Somerset - Arriving for the visit at 11am. The coach will leave Upton at 8am and be at Croft Road Worcester at 8.30am with a break on route. This garden is in the heart of the city next door to Wells Cathedral so much more to see. The cost for this trip is £20.00 per member and £27.50 for non members which includes club membership running until the end of September 2025.
Booking Forms are now available for all visits via the club website.

Chairs Notes and Notices

Dear Members

The RHS Malvern Spring Show Plant Creche

We now know that we are covering Friday the 10th and Sunday the 12th May 2024 so if anyone wishes to volunteer for a couple of hours then please contact Léonie Creighton. 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. The Three Counties Agricultural Society will be donating £200 to the club for each day we cover. As part of the process of raising our profile at this event the club is investing in a PVC Banner 2x1 metres in size with an image of the club logo and website address emblazoned on it.

The Gardeners Market

At the Garden Market on May 18th the doors will open at 1.45 pm, with the garden talk starting at 2.30. If you would like a table to sell plants, seedlings and other gardening related items it's £5, payable on the day (MEMBERS AND CHARITIES). Garden related businesses pay £10 a table. If you have just a few plants or seeds to donate there will be a members table. Tea and cakes for refreshments and you will also be able to buy cakes, preserves, jams and hopefully some honey if the bees are kind.

The Martley Garden Quiz

This is an annual event that this year takes place on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at Martley Memorial Hall (WR6 6PE) at 7.30 pm. The format for the Quiz will essentially be the same as in previous years and here is a resume of what to expect:-

- At each table will be a team of four.
- The questions will be based on gardening or horticultural knowledge although hopefully not too technical. Each question will be given out verbally so that the whole team can discuss their answer. The answers will then be written down and adjudicated at the end of each round.
- There will be food and refreshments available at half time.
- There is a £2.50 fee per person.
- There will be a raffle with prizes. There will also be a prize for each member of the winning team.

If you are interested then please let me Larry Gleaves know or any committee member at the next meeting know if you are interested.

Garden Visits

Booking forms are now available on our website www.blackpeargc.org.uk for all of the scheduled visits this year and printed copies and will be available at the club meeting in April and May 2024.

Gardeners World Live Tickets

The club has been offered a pair of tickets to attend the Gardeners World Live Show <https://www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com/> . They are valid for the 9am entry time on Sunday 16th of June 2024 and are worth £56.00. The club intends to put the tickets up as a raffle prize for the May 2024 meeting.

The name and email address of the winner will need to be sent to the organisers at least a fortnight before the event starts in order to send them ticket information in good time. The organisers will not be issuing paper tickets. Approximately two weeks before the event, winners will be emailed a link to register online. They will receive tickets by email.

Tickets are non-refundable, non-exchangeable and non-transferable, and do not include travel, accommodation or expenses. There is no cash alternative. Details of giveaway and prize correct at time of print. Ticket terms and conditions apply <https://www.immediatelive.com/ticket-terms-and-conditions/>

We have also received discount codes for this event which can be used on the Gardeners World website to get a ticket discount for those wishing to go. These codes are available from either Brian or myself via email.

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.

Promoting the Club on Social Media and the Website

This is a repeat of something that Brian put together and was posted in the last Springs Newsletter of 2023 and we think deserves repeating. For those of you on Facebook the club has a page here:-

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackPearGardeningClub>

where we have 108 followers. This is automatically linked to receive postings from our website. We also have a Face Book Group:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/632642921411258/>

You can become a member of these groups which will allow you to post pictures of your garden or any garden related item of interest. Don't forget to also visit the website, during the first week of March 2023 it was viewed 420 times with 59 people visiting the site. To receive up to date information please subscribe by using the email button. This is a free subscription that when completed will automatically send any new posts on the website to you. Please search the website to see what is on there. There are articles from members, copies of our next meeting poster, under 'Programme' then 'Posters' which can be

downloaded to either share with friends or organisations you think would be interested or for printing to post in local shops, village notice boards or garden centres to help promote the club's programme.

Administration Assistance

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

Larry Gleaves