

PROGRAMME 2019

All indoor meetings are held in the Henfield Hall, Henfield BN5 9DB There is a large free car park adjacent to the hall

Unless stated, for all meetings the hall is open to members at 1-30pm. The meetings commence at 2pm.

Sunday January 20th

Speaker:- Steve Bustin Subject:- “Helen Willmott.”

We are delighted to welcome back as our speaker Steve, who is also a member of Sussex HPS. Steve is a garden journalist and keen gardener and he explores the life and times of one of Britain's greatest plant collectors, bulb experts and garden eccentrics Ellen Willmott. Find out how to booby-trap a daffodil, how to let someone know what you think of their garden (without uttering a word) and who you should call when arrested for shoplifting!

Raffle, plant stall, members plant display, trading stall and tea.

Wednesday 13th February

Outing by coach to Hillier Winter Garden, Romsey and Down House, Hampshire.

We leave Hickstead Service Station adjacent to A2100 and south side of A23 at 8-30am. You may leave cars here. We leave Down House at 4pm for the homeward journey.

The Winter Garden is an RHS partner garden, so bring your RHS card. First named on the card applies only. See page 48 of the 2018 RHS Handbook to explain this rule further.

Cost including entry to both gardens coach fare and refreshments at The Down House is £36.00 for non-RHS members and £26.50 for RHS members.

This also includes the coach driver's tip.

Any non-HPS friends are welcome, but the cost would be £41 if non-RHS or £31.50 if they are an RHS member.

Sunday February 24th

Speaker:- Dr Tim Ingram Subject:- “Under the Apples”

Tim is a lifelong gardener and plant enthusiast and writes regularly in the HPS Journal, a keen member of Kent HPS and of the Alpine Garden Society he also operates a small nursery of interesting and unusual plants and alpines from his own garden, as well as exhibiting at the Plant Fairs Road Shows, particularly in the spring with snowdrops.

Raffle, plant stall, members plant display, trading stall and tea.

Tim will bring plants for sale. Website www.coptonash.plus.com

Sunday March 24th. AGM at 2pm followed at approx. 2.30pm by

Speaker:- Rachel Castle Subject:- “Auriculas – Their History and Cultivation”

Rachel is a busy nursery owner in Kent who greatly enjoys growing Auriculas. She regularly attends the Plant Fairs Road Shows with the most attractive and tempting stalls of wonderful plants.

Raffle, plant stall, members plant display, trading stall and tea.

Rachel is bringing plants for sale. Website www.swallowfieldsnursery.com

Sunday April 28th this meeting to commence at 2-15pm

Speaker:- Mark Lyman. Subject:- “Delightful Delphiniums”

We welcome back Mark as our speaker, he gave us a wonderful talk last year, you may remember, on Snowdrops. Mark is past Chairman of Hampshire HPS and a keen grower of Delphinium, he also displays at the large RHS shows on behalf of the Delphinium Society.

Mark will be bringing plants.

Raffle, plant stall, members plant display, trading stall and tea.
Seedling swap

Wednesday May 15th

We travel in our own cars to Dale Park House and Parham House.

Meet at Dale Park House BN18 0NP at 10-30am. Here we enjoy refreshments and the wonderful garden.

Afterwards we move onto Parham Gardens RH20 4HS. Here we can purchase lunch in the cafe. Parham is an RHS Partner garden, so, if you are an RHS member it is free entry, (see page 48 of the 2018 RHS Handbook) if not, the cost for entry this year is £9.90 (there may be an increase next year but at this stage we do not know).

The cost for this visit if you are an RHS member is £8.50

If not an RHS member the price will be £18.40

Sunday July 14th

We are planning a trip by coach to Chenies Manor near Rickmansworth, for their Plant Fair
Details of costs and timings will follow later when they have been finalised.

Sunday September 22nd

Speaker:- Simon Sutcliffe Subject:- "Growing for Chelsea"

In July 2018 we visited How Green Nursery, the nursery owned and run by Simon's family. This is a wholesale nursery growing for the trade, but we were very warmly welcomed and enjoyed a most interesting morning. We were allowed to buy from an exciting selection of plants. The nursery is open three times a year for anyone to buy. Simon will speak to us on his Chelsea Flower Show exploits.

Raffle, plant stall, members plant display, trading stall and tea.

Simon will be bringing plants for you to purchase.

Website www.howgreennnursery.co.uk

Sunday October 20th

Speaker:- Dr Julian Sutton Subject:- The Botanical Gardener

We welcome Julian back to give us yet another exciting afternoon in his usual enthusiastic style, embracing portraits of plants with snippets of science attached.

Raffle, plant stall, members plant display, trading stall and tea.

Julian will bring plants for sale. Website www.desirableplants.com

Sunday November 24th. Hall open at 10-30am for coffee, meeting begins at 11am.

Speaker:- Troy Scott Smith Subject:- "Roses at Sissinghurst, their care and cultivation"

Raffle and Trading stall

Lunch will follow at approx 1pm, following the same format as November 18