

PROGRAMME 2020

SUNDAY 19th January at 2pm

at Henfield Hall, Henfield, BN5 9DB. Doors open at 1.30pm

"Gardeners' Question Time"

Question-master Steve Bustin, plus a panel from Sussex Group HPS.

This is a new venture for our group, requested by a member. We ask you to submit your garden-related questions, so, thinking-caps on please, to make this an enjoyable afternoon. Questions can be submitted on paper on the day or by email to Sue beforehand. We will also be taking questions directly from the floor.

There will also be the trading stall, raffle, members' plant stall (see page 19) and plant display.

WEDNESDAY 12th February

Snowdrop Gardens Outing by Coach to Kent

We are visiting the Old Rectory garden in Fawkham, Kent to see the wonderful collection of naturalised snowdrops, as well as species snowdrops.

We then go on to Brogdale, where our lunch, of either soup and roll or sandwich, will await us.

There is then a 10-minute onward journey to the garden at Copton Ash. This is the home of Tim Ingram who was our speaker at the February 2019 meeting. Copton Ash is renowned for its snowdrop collection.

Price for HPS Sussex members is £42 per person, price for guests £47. This includes coach travel with pick-up points at Hickstead Travel Lodge RH17 5NZ and Uckfield High Street, entry to gardens, refreshments at both gardens and a light lunch at the Brogdale Courtyard Café.

SUNDAY 23rd February at 2pm

at Henfield Hall, Henfield, BN5 9DB. Doors open at 1.30pm

Talk by Juliet Sargeant

"What Value, The Green Stuff?"

Juliet lives in nearby Brighton and is a garden designer, working from her studio in Hurstpierpoint. She is well-known from TV appearances on gardening programmes and has won awards at Chelsea Flower Show.

We look forward to welcoming her to our Group.

There will also be the trading stall, raffle, members' plant stall (see page 19) and plant display.

TUESDAY 25th February at 11am

Talking plants with Jan Salter, Hurstpierpoint

SUNDAY 22nd March at 2pm

at Henfield Hall, Henfield, BN5 9DB. Doors open at 1.30pm

AGM followed by lecture at 2.30pm

Talk by Dr Andrew Ward

"Fabulous Foliage, A Foil for Flowers"

Andrew and his wife own Norwell Nurseries on the outskirts of Nottingham and this will be his second visit to our Group. His last visit was much enjoyed. Andrew will be bringing plants to sell and you can order direct for him to bring plants for you.

His website is: www.norwellnurseries.co.uk

There will also be the trading stall, raffle, members' plant stall (see page 19 for details) and plant display.

SUNDAY 19th April at 2pm

at Henfield Hall, Henfield, BN5 9DB. Doors open at 1.30pm

Talk by Peter Williams and Seedling Swap

"Un-Natural Gardening"

Peter will be travelling from York to visit us. He lectures widely in the North of England so we are particularly delighted that he will be visiting us.

“Much is now made of the need to garden naturally and to garden for wildlife. This talk looks at the concept of natural gardening and questions whether this current fashion is actually possible, sustainable or even desirable. The talk has four main sections – native vs alien species, naturalistic planting, encouraging wildlife into the garden and organic gardening. The conclusion reached might well be that all gardeners – even the most ‘ecologically sound’, definitely adopt unnatural practices! This talk adopts a humorous approach but covers important underlying themes.”

There will also be the trading stall, raffle, members' plant stall (see page 19), plant display and seedling swap, where the following procedure applies:

Seedling Swap Instructions:

1. Bring along any seedlings or tiny plants that you have left over and do not need, still in their original compost and pot or seed tray. Clearly label the pot with the plant's name, variety, if appropriate and any other information. Add your name, in case of queries.
2. The Committee provides compost, plastic cups, spoons, labels and pencils for the new owners to use.
3. Help yourself to a small scoop of whatever takes your fancy; put in a cup and write your own label. Please don't take the original label. Each cupful is charged at 10p with an honesty box for the money, so bring lots of small change!

TUESDAY 12th May

4, Birch Close, Arundel BN18 9HN and West Dean Gardens, near Chichester, PO18 0RX

We visit, by our own transport, the garden of one of our Group members, Elizabeth Gammon, at 11am. We look forward to visiting this beautiful Spring garden with its lovely trees, shrubs and early clematis.

We continue on to West Dean Gardens at approximately 1pm, for lunch in their excellent restaurant. We will then explore the gardens and plant sales area afterwards.

Admission to both gardens and refreshments at Birch Close are inclusive, at £16 per head.

Booking forms for the outings were included with the Autumn 2019 newsletter.

SUNDAY 17th May at 2pm

at **Herstmonceux Village Hall, Herstmonceux, BN27 4JX.** Doors open at 1.30pm

We are trialling a meeting in East Sussex, on requests from our members who live in that side of the county, so we are returning to a lovely hall we have used before. If it is popular and well-supported it may be continued, in conjunction with meetings in Henfield.

The hall is located on the south side of the A271, right hand-side as you travel from Hailsham. It is well signposted from the approach road and has a large free car park adjacent. The speaker for the day to be advised.

Please bring plants for a bumper plant stall, as I am sure that you will be splitting your perennials and will have lots of surplus plants. Priced in the normal way (see page 19) with 2 labels, please.

Trading stall, members plant sales and plant display, raffle and teas.

MONDAY 22nd June at 11am

Terri Le Fevre invites us to her garden in Horsham.

Terri says, "A plantaholics garden (as anyone will know who has accompanied me at a plant fair!) Our garden is about 150ft X 60ft, jammed packed with colour. No lawn remains but gravel and bark paths intercept the planted areas. There is a beach hut style summerhouse on a deck, nearby is a pebble circle with water feature and grasses. A white themed bed was added last year. One side of the garden is sunny the other shady, with plenty of seating on each side. Containers are used aplenty for plants that will get lost in the borders, these include my obsession with Salvias! The whole garden is also packed with vintage finds and gardenalia. The end of the garden is dedicated to fruit growing, cut flowers and plant propagation, with three greenhouses."

SUNDAY 9th August at 11am

Shirley Carman-Martin invites us to her garden in Cuckfield.

Shirley says, "August can be an awkward month in the garden, autumn creeping in, but summer still hanging on for a little longer perhaps. Come and see whatever nature has decided that we can enjoy this year. *Dahlias*, *Salvias*, and *Heleniums* come to mind as well as the lovely varieties of the shrub *Abelia* that I enjoy, and the berries should be turning on the *Sorbus* and the *Euonymus*, perhaps, will be starting to colour. I look forward to welcoming you."

TUESDAY 8th to SATURDAY 12th September

Holiday to Norfolk @ Suffolk details to be advised

SUNDAY 20th September 2pm Henfield

Marina Christopher "Late Summer Flowers"

SUNDAY 18th October 2pm Henfield

Rachel Castle "Auriculas – their history and cultivation"

SUNDAY 22nd November 11am Henfield

Timothy Walker "In the not-so-bleak winter" followed by bring and share buffet lunch at approx 1 pm.

To book Talking Plants (members only) please contact Lesley Wembridge by email talkingplants@hardy-plant-sussex.org.uk or phone 07901602838