

## TALKING PLANTS PROGRAMME 2016

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 11am and 2.30pm**

### **Tim & Pat Ashby invite us to their garden in Amberley**

Pat says "Our much-loved garden is small and chaotic, but in spring it can offer daphnes, hamamelis, sarcococcas and camellias, plus drifts of hellebores and early bulbs – all depending on the season, of course. As it is carved out of rising ground with steps and uneven paths, it could be too challenging for members with walking difficulties. Views of the nearby downs, and a lovely old village to explore after your visit."

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11am and 2.30pm**

### **Celia Everard invites us to her garden in Fletching**

Celia says "Although the garden is at its best in June, spring is filled with much anticipation, neatness and very little disappointment. There are many little gems as well as the early flowering perennials but the highlight (hopefully) will be the wild areas awash with fritillaries."

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 11am and 2.30pm**

### **Alison Truelove invites us to her garden in Hurstpierpoint**

Alison says "Two thirds of an acre garden around what was two farm workers cottages. Borders and beds are planted for all year round interest (that's my aim). Lawns and box hedging add a bit of formality. Two areas are left unmown to encourage wild flower to grow and wildlife to visit. Hopefully the alliums and aquilegias will be in full bloom in May when you visit."

### **Booking instructions for Talking Plants**

Please email Lesley Wembridge at [talkingplants@hardy-plant-sussex.org.uk](mailto:talkingplants@hardy-plant-sussex.org.uk) with details of each visit you would like to join and whether you would accept either of the sessions, or can manage only one (morning or afternoon). I will then let you know whether you are successful or if your name is down on a waiting list. Full travel details will be sent about a fortnight in advance.

If you are *not* on email, please ring 01892 661219 leaving a message including your name and phone number. I will then call back to confirm or otherwise. *You will need to send me a stamped addressed envelope for **each** visit you are booked for* so that I can post your instructions when the time comes. I will give you my address when you call.

*Please note: if you book for a friend, please give their name, and don't forget they must be a member too.*

Talking Plants gets booked up very quickly but there are frequently cancellations, **so please put yourself on the waiting list if unsuccessful at first.** Often everyone on the waiting list gets a place.

**If you are willing to be a Talking Plants host and let other members share in the joys (and possibly woes) of your own garden, then please e-mail Jane Collins at [collinsjane1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:collinsjane1@hotmail.co.uk) or ring her on 01892 653444**