



## **Spring 2025 Winter Newsletter**

### **Hello and welcome to the Surrey Horticultural Federation Spring Newsletter!**

Please share this newsletter with your members and help them stay up to date with all the events happening in Surrey and the surrounding areas.

### **SURREY HORTICULTURAL FEDERATION 2025 Garden Visit**

**Our 2025 GARDEN VISIT is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to 'Lower House', Bowlhead Green, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 6NW**

(By very kind permission of Georgina Harvey).



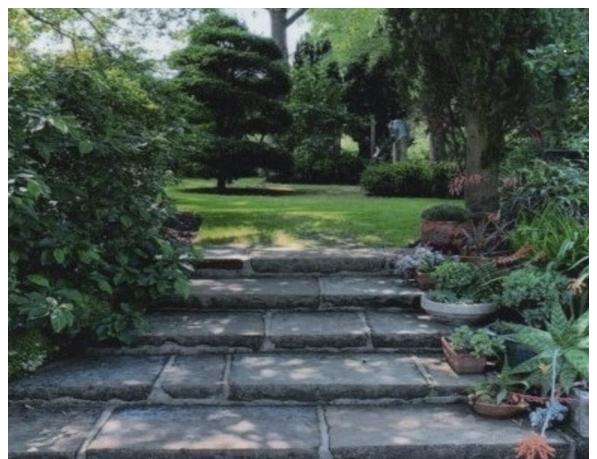
This large private garden will be open on this day exclusively for SHF Clubs.

**Garden entry from 2.00 to 4.30 pm**

**Teas Available on the Terrace**

**Entry £8 each which will be donated to the owner's charity. Free parking and plants for sale.**

Gertrude Jekyll's 1916 plans resonate throughout the garden with recent additions. Topiary area with Buxus and white roses, and climate change areas of drought-resistant, pest and disease-free species. Many unusual shrubs, trees and Roses, kitchen garden and greenhouses. Routes available for wheelchair users.



**To find it:-** Take the main A3 south from Guildford, leaving at the Thursley/Bowlhead Green junction (shortly before the tunnel), then follow Bowlhead Green sign left into French Lane and approx. 1 mile until the small green. Turn left into Lower House Lane and follow until the end. Alternatively, take the A 286 from Milford to Brook, then follow Bowlhead Green signs, turning right at the small green. Both ways are very narrow roads, please take care!

## Sad News

We've just heard that Dave Burton died last summer after a short illness. Dave was the kingpin in organising the Cobham Show. His friends and family are lost without him. Dave was an amiable and friendly man, who was always helpful and kind to his colleagues in the Guild.

## Janet's report on the Surrey Horticultural Federation's Spring Talk with Speaker, Award-winning Garden Designer, Ann-Marie Powell

On Tuesday 18th March 2025, members of many clubs within the Surrey Horticultural Federation came to Normandy Hall to listen to the award-winning Chelsea designer, Ann-Marie Powell talk about her life, work, and her 'Passion for Plants'.

Unusually for a Garden Designer, Ann-Marie grew up without a garden because her father was in the army, but her grandfather was a miner who had an allotment, which not only supplemented his family table but also gave him a deep connection with light and sunshine which he passed on to Ann Marie.

When she was in her early twenties, Ann-Marie went travelling and visited India, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand and Central America. That's when she saw the beautiful textures, fabrics and colours that nature puts together in a living landscape. When Ann-Marie came back from travelling, she enrolled at Capel Manor College in Enfield and after completing her studies, Ann-Marie graduated with a distinction in Garden Design & Hard Landscape Studies. In 1999, she started her own design company and is now listed as one of the Top 50 Landscape and Garden Designers.



Her company has three main concepts, be Bold, Vibrant, and BioDiverse. Ann-Marie showed us slides of her favourite colour combinations, purple and orange, plus a bright pink, and many of her designs showed bold swathes of these colours. Other gardens had meadows of white carrot flowers, with big clumps of feathery fennel plants. Ann-Marie has been exploring various ways of creating wild flower gardens, from seed, to water-seeding and meadow turf, and she showed a selection of these with different colour combinations. Another garden had a large corner composed mostly of grasses and iris, with wooden steps going from an old orchard planting to a summer house in the corner. By using such a wide range of colours and plants, and a pond if possible, her gardens attract many insects and animals, thus increasing pollination. The new Hilltop Vegetable gardens at Wisley show other examples of Ann-Marie's work, with edible flowers growing amongst colourful vegetables.

Last year, Ann-Marie Powell designed the Octavia Hill Garden with the National Trust, which won Silver Gilt, the Children's Choice Award, and the coveted BBC's People's Choice Award. Now she is working on huge beds at Hampton Palace, with permanent colourful planting to replace the annual bedding plants usually used there, so there will be a lot more of her designs to see in future! Her motto is 'be brave and go for it'!

The audience really enjoyed the talk, and there have been several nice comments already. Is there a speaker you would like to hear? Please let Beth (email Beth: [beth@pumpkinbeth.com](mailto:beth@pumpkinbeth.com)) know and we will see whether they are available for 2026.

## Hamish Sinclair's Diary

Hamish Sinclair from the [Alpine Garden Society Woking - West Surrey Group](#) has been writing a diary a couple of times a month about the Rock Garden at [RHS Garden Wisley](#) – it's [free to read on the AGS website](#). Perhaps, Hamish's diary will inspire you to visit Wisley's rock garden more often? View online and follow how Wisley's Rock Garden changes every few weeks, throughout the year.

## Butterfly Conservation: 2024 officially one of the worst years on record for UK butterflies



*The Small Tortoiseshell had its worst year on record. Picture: Gilles San Martin*

- **More than half of UK butterfly species are now in long-term decline for the first time on record**
- **Small Tortoiseshell had its worst year ever and is in long-term decline**
- **Common butterflies that live in gardens, parks and the wider countryside had their second-worst year since 1976**
- **51 of the UK's 59 species declined in 2024 compared to 2023**

Newly released data has shown that 2024 was one of the worst years on record for butterflies in the UK and, for the first time on record, more than half of butterfly species in the UK are now in long-term decline.

Nine species had their worst year since counting began, including the much-loved Small Tortoiseshell, Chalk Hill Blue and Small Copper.

Worryingly, last year was also the second-worst year on record for 'wider countryside species' – the common butterflies that live in gardens, parks and across the landscape such as Common Blue, Gatekeeper and Large White.

The figures come from the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (UKBMS) which has asked volunteers to count butterflies across the country since 1976 and now monitors more than 3,000 sites. The scheme is led by national charity Butterfly Conservation, the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH), British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).

Overall, 2024 was the fifth worst year since records began for UK butterflies. Butterfly numbers always fluctuate annually, and last year's low numbers are partly the result of a wet spring and relatively cool summer, however UKBMS data also show that 31 of the 59 resident UK species are now in long-term decline.

**Dr Richard Fox, Head of Science at Butterfly Conservation, said:** *"I am devastated by the decline of our beloved British butterflies, and I'm sorry to say it has been brought about by human actions: we have destroyed wildlife habitats, polluted the environment, used pesticides on an industrial scale and we are changing the climate.*

*"That means that when we have poor weather, these already-depleted butterfly populations are highly vulnerable and can't bounce back like they once did - and with climate change, that unusual weather is becoming more and more usual."*

In total, 51 of the UK's 59 species declined in 2024 compared to 2023, with just six species showing any increase.

Among the most concerning species is the Small Tortoiseshell: one of the most well-known butterflies in the UK, its bright colours and appearance in gardens have made it a recognisable favourite.

However, since the first UKBMS results in 1976, its abundance has plummeted by 86%. Numbers in 2023 were the worst ever at that point, and last year were down again.



Unlike many of the species that are faring worst, the Small Tortoiseshell is not a rarity confined to nature reserves but a 'wider countryside species', living in all parts of the UK and drinking nectar from a wide variety of flowers. Its caterpillars feed on stinging nettles.

Of the eight other species that had their worst year on record, Green-veined White, Small Skipper, Large Skipper and Small Copper are also wider countryside species.

The Green-veined White, one of the UK's most widespread butterflies, is also now in significant long-term decline.

The Grizzled Skipper, Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary and Chalk Hill Blue, which also had their worst year on record, are already listed as threatened on the GB butterfly Red List.

These species all require specific habitat to thrive, and those habitats have been destroyed over the past century.

**Dr Marc Botham, Butterfly Ecologist at the UKCEH, said:** *"These deeply concerning results from the UKBMS emphasise just how important it is to monitor and record our wildlife so we can target conservation efforts and protect our beloved species. Butterflies in particular are valuable not just in their own right but also as indicator species, meaning they can tell us about the health of the wider environment, which makes the UKBMS data invaluable in assessing the health of our countryside and natural world in general."*

The UKBMS figures come after Butterfly Conservation declared a UK-wide Butterfly Emergency following the worst-ever results of its Big Butterfly Count last year.

**Dr Fox said:** *"Most people will not be surprised by these results: all last summer we were inundated with people asking where the butterflies had gone and what they can do to help."*

*"By far the best thing we can do to help butterflies is to create more habitat. Last year we published research which showed that letting parts of your garden grow wild with long grass increases the number and variety of butterflies that you see. That is why we are calling on people and councils across the UK to pledge to not cut their grass this year from April to September: this simple act can make a real, immediate difference to butterflies, moths and other wildlife."*

**Dr James Heywood, Bird Survey Organiser at BTO said:** *"We are incredibly grateful to the thousands of skilled volunteers who monitored butterflies last year at more than 3,000 sites as part of the UKBMS, as well the 300 volunteers who are recording both birds and butterflies at the same locations. The collective data, which reveal a concerning picture for so many species, will help to inform lasting, impactful conservation decisions. We will continue to support and encourage these brilliant citizen scientists to contribute to this scheme and ensure a better future for our amazing British wildlife."*

**Steve Wilkinson, Director of Ecosystem Evidence & Advice at JNCC, said:** *"The results revealed by the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme highlights why robust wildlife monitoring is absolutely essential for conservation. Without the dedicated efforts of thousands of volunteers tracking butterfly numbers, we wouldn't fully understand the scale of this decline. This comprehensive surveillance allows us to identify which species need urgent intervention, track long-term trends, and measure the effectiveness of our conservation efforts. The UKBMS data doesn't just tell us about butterflies – it provides a critical indicator of the health of our wider environment. In the face of habitat loss and climate change, these monitoring schemes provide the evidence base we need to take meaningful action before it's too late."*

Find out more about letting your grass grow long at [butterfly-conservation.org](https://butterfly-conservation.org)

# Thompson & Morgan is Proud to Launch A £250 Gardening Grant as Part of its 170th Anniversary Celebrations

Thompson & Morgan (T&M), the UK's largest mail-order seed and plant company, is proudly celebrating its 170th anniversary this year and is marking the occasion by giving away a £250 gardening grant.

One group will win £250 worth of T&M gift vouchers to kick-start their gardening journey, take an existing project to the next level, or encourage more members to get involved in gardening.



## About T&M's Gardening Grant

T&M is looking to help one UK charity, community group, school or gardening club to start or grow, with a £250 gardening grant to spend on plants, seeds and bulbs from its range.

Gardening plays a vital role in people's health and wellbeing, and T&M is committed to helping people create greenspaces and improve access to nature. T&M understands that gardening is a wonderful way to reach out to the community and build new connections – people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can share skills in safe spaces and discover their green fingers!

Whether you're planning a flower border, meadow, sustainable garden or veg plot to support a food bank, T&M's gardening grant could provide a valuable boost to your project.

## How To Apply

T&M's grant is open to charities, plus not for profit gardening groups and projects based in the UK mainland.

For a chance to win the £250 grant, [register your group's interest](#) here and tell the T&M team what the money would mean for your project and community.

Applications close Monday 7th April 2025 and the winner will be announced in the week commencing Monday 21st April 2025. For full terms and conditions, visit the T&M website.



Good luck!

## Please Consider Opening your Garden to Raise Funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Phyllis Tuckwell<sup>®</sup>  
Hospice Care  
...because every day is precious

# 2025 open GARDENS

in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

*Do you love your garden?*

Why not open your garden to friends and family, or join our public 2025 Open Gardens campaign, and help raise money for local hospice care.

*Call for gardens*

Gardens of all size and design can take part. If you have a unique and interesting garden we would love you to join our 2025 Open Gardens. You could even get together with your neighbours and do a group opening.

**To find out more and to arrange a garden visit by our team please call 01252 729446 or email [fundraising@pth.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@pth.org.uk)**

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This spring and summer, the **Phyllis Tuckwell** are once again looking for unique and interesting gardens in our area to open in support of local hospice care. If you've got a small garden, can you get together with your neighbours and friends and hold a Group Open Day or an Open Gardens Weekend with multiple gardens opening? Please also consider opening your allotment site, school garden, and community garden? Visit the [Phyllis Tuckwell's website for more information](https://www.phyllistuckwellhospice.org.uk).

If you're interested in opening a garden to support the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, please contact Helena Burke, Helena's email is [helena.burke@pth.org.uk](mailto:helena.burke@pth.org.uk).

## Nick Hamilton requests your Support, as he Asks the Public to Sign a Petition against Plans for a Solar Farm to be sited in fields adjacent to Barnsdale Gardens



Nick Hamilton (son of Geoff Hamilton), one of our past Surrey Horticultural Federation speakers is asking for support, as he feels that a proposed huge solar farm on the field adjacent to Barnsdale Gardens would inevitably cause Barnsdale Gardens to close. If you're interested in supporting Nick, here's [a link to the petition he has started to object to the solar farm being sited in this area.](#)



# Collections Up Close: Arrange for your Group to Enjoy a Tour of the RHS Lindley Library



[rhs.org.uk/libraries](https://rhs.org.uk/libraries)

## Collections up Close

### *Explore the treasures of the RHS Lindley Library*

*Discover the people and plants that have shaped garden design, the food we eat and the green spaces around us.*

*If you are a community or gardening interest group, sign up now for a tour of our collections. Tours are free, though donations are welcomed.*

*To book your tour, get in touch at [library@rhs.org.uk](mailto:library@rhs.org.uk)*

*RHS Lindley Collections*

*Lithographic print of the former RHS Garden in Kensington, 1862-1863*



RHS Registered Charity No: 222879/SC038262

To book a tour of the RHS Lindley Library for your gardening club or horticultural society, please email [library@rhs.org.uk](mailto:library@rhs.org.uk).

# Surrey Wildlife Trust - Free Training Courses for Community Groups - May-June 2025



Reptiles of Surrey  
**Friday 9th May, Witley Centre**  
**10am-3pm**

Discover the unique world of Surrey's reptile community before going in search of them in Witley Common.



Amphibians

**Friday 16th & Saturday 17th May,**  
**6pm and 10am, Nower Wood**

Learn about the ecology and habitat of amphibians before setting safe traps in the evening and releasing them the next day. Please note this course runs in 2 parts over 2 days.



Survey & Recording Techniques for Beginners  
**Friday 30th May, Nower Wood**  
**10am-3pm**

Discover why and how to accurately survey and record a variety of species.



Wildflower ID

**Thursday 19th June, Nower Wood, 10am-3pm**

Gain valuable insight into identifying wildflowers from an expert ecologist.

## How to book

To book your space free of charge, please contact Sue O'Regan with **your name, email address, phone number, and community group name** at [adult.learning@surreywt.org.uk](mailto:adult.learning@surreywt.org.uk)

**Thursley Horticultural Society's Spring Show is from 2.30pm until 4.30pm on Saturday 5th April 2025 at Thursley Village Hall**



*Thursley Horticultural  
Society*

# **SPRING FLOWER SHOW**

**on Saturday**

# **5th APRIL**

**at THURSLEY VILLAGE HALL 2.30pm**

**PRIZE-GIVING AT 4.15pm**

**Raffle (drawn at 4pm)**

## **ADMISSION FREE**

***Flowers, Vegetables, Floral Art, Cookery  
and Children's crafts.***

**Please submit your list of entries by  
6pm on Thursday 3rd April  
([thursleyhortsoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thursleyhortsoc@hotmail.co.uk))**

[Thursley Horticultural Society](#) are holding their **Spring Show** from **2.30pm until 4.30pm**, on **Saturday 5th April 2025**, at **Thursley Village Hall**, Dye House Lane, Thursley, Godalming, Surrey,



GU8 6QD. New members and visitors are always very welcome indeed. The raffle will be drawn at 4pm and the Prize Giving is at 4.15pm.

## **The Royal Horticultural Society's Gardener, Elizabeth Mooney will be giving a talk about Unusual Crops and Potential Crops of the Future to the National Vegetable Society Surrey District Association on Wednesday 9th April 2025 at East Horsley Village Hall**

The [National Vegetable Society Surrey District Association](#) are meeting at **8pm** on **Wednesday 9th April 2025** at East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey KT24 6QT.



Elizabeth Mooney has worked at Wisley for over five years, starting as a student and now working as a permanent member of the edibles department. She works predominantly with vegetables but also across the rest of the edibles area, and has a particular interest in no-dig and sustainable horticulture. Elizabeth is one of the key authors of the recently published RHS book about growing vegetables all year and she has been involved in producing a couple of YouTube videos around the area of edible horticulture.

**Ascot Horticultural Society's Spring Show is on  
Wednesday 9th April 2025!**

*Ascot Horticultural Society*  
**Spring Show**



**King Edward's Hall, King Edward's Road, Ascot,  
SL5 8PD**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Staging of exhibits from 7.45pm - 8.00pm.**

**Meeting begins at 8.00pm.**

**Entrance - Members £1, Visitors £3.00  
Including refreshments**

**For more information contact :**

**Wendy Sivyer (Show Secretary) on 07999513263 or [wendysivyer@aol.com](mailto:wendysivyer@aol.com)**

**[facebook.com/groups/276880418187911](https://facebook.com/groups/276880418187911)**

**[Ascot Horticultural Society's Spring Show](#)** is on **Wednesday 9th April 2025** at King Edward's Hall, Ascot, SL5 8PD. Staging of exhibits is from 7.45pm until 8pm and the meeting opens at **8pm**. Entry is £1 for members and £3 for visitors, which includes refreshments.



## Ancient Woodland Indicators - Friday 11th April, 10am - 3pm, Nower Wood

Learn to identify ancient woodland indicators in this beautiful ancient woodland. On this one-day course, we will focus on the identification of ancient woodland indicators, as well as typical woodland plant species and variety of other features that are all found in ancient woodland.

More details: <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/events/2025-04-11-ancient-woodland-indicators>

## The Orchid Society of Great Britain Spring Orchid Show will be held at Squire's Garden Centre in Shepperton on Saturday 12th April 2025!



On Saturday 12th April 2025, the Orchid Society of Great Britain are holding their Spring Orchid Show in the Orangery at Squire's Garden Centre in Shepperton – Squire's Garden Centre, Halliford Road, Upper Halliford, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 8SG. On **Saturday 12th April 2025**, the [Orchid Society of Great Britain](#) are holding their [Spring Orchid Show](#) in the Orangery at [Squire's Garden Centre in Shepperton](#) – Squire's Garden Centre, Halliford Road, Upper Halliford, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 8SG. This fantastic event will be a dream come true for orchid lovers! The OSGB Spring Show is an open flower show that anyone can enter – you don't need to be a member of the Orchid Society of Great Britain – just bring along your orchid in the morning. Orchid entries can be received from 9.30am. Judging takes place at 11am and plants can be collected at 4.30pm. Visitors will be able to admire a wide range of interesting and unusual orchids at this special show. NB: There's free entry to visit the show and it's also free to enter your orchids.





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At the OSGB Spring Orchid Show, visitors can purchase orchids from Squire's Garden Centre, Spicesotic Plants, Orchid Alchemy, The Mathers Foundation, and OSGB members at this very special event. Squire's also sell orchids, houseplants, garden plants, pots, tools, gifts, etc..



Here are just a few of the orchids on display at the Orchid Society of Great Britain Spring Show 2024. Will your orchid be entered into this year's show?

Squire's at Shepperton have a newly refurbished Café Bar that offers breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea. The Café Bar has distinct seating areas to choose from, including the main Café Bar, a sophisticated afternoon tea area with piano, a coffee lounge, and a special family-friendly area, as well as outdoor seating. There's free parking. Squire's in Shepperton is a 20 minute walk from the train station or a short taxi ride from the station. This Garden Centre will be open from 9am until 6pm. For more information about the [Orchid Society of Great Britain, please click here](#).

## **Brockham Green Horticultural Society are looking forward to welcoming Jean Griffin to their meeting on Monday 14th April 2025 for a talk entitled: Gardening Should Be Fun!**



On **Monday 14th April 2025**, [Brockham Green Horticultural Society](#) are looking forward to welcoming Jean Griffin to give a talk entitled: *Gardening Should Be Fun!* This meeting starts at **7.30pm** at **Brockham Village Hall**, Brockham Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JJ,

Jean Griffin studied professional horticultural courses, firstly at Studley College, Warwickshire, and secondly at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. She has spent all her life working in both the Amenity and Commercial sectors of the industry. Jean has been involved with Horticultural Education for most of her career, she has taught people from all age groups and varying abilities. Jean is a Garden expert and reporter for Gardening Programmes for the BBC, including working in outside broadcasting at the Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows.

Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome, so please bring friends. The entrance fee is £3 for members and £5 for non-members.



# **Tony Lack will be Giving a Talk 'All About Bees & Beekeeping' to Thursley Horticultural Society on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at Thursley Village Hall**



[Thursley Horticultural Society](#)'s meeting starts at **7.30pm**, on **Wednesday 23rd April 2025** at **Thursley Village Hall**, Dye House Lane, Thursley, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 6QD. Tony Lack will be Giving a Talk 'All About Bees & Beekeeping' to Thursley Horticultural Society. [Thursley Horticultural Society](#) are a lovely and friendly, welcoming group. New members and visitors are always very welcome. There will be refreshments and a raffle.



# Ecocal's Herbs and Edible Flowers Half-Day Workshop on Tuesday 26th April 2025

## Herbs and Edible Flowers

### Half-day workshop

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

10am-1pm

**The Lodge,  
Carshalton  
SM5 3NX**

**Just £26**

Learn how to propagate and grow tasty herbs and edible flowers to add to your meals. Discover a range of edible plants to grow in your garden.

Filling outdoor spaces with herbs and edible flowers adds welcome scent and colour for us and benefits urban wildlife too.

Created and delivered by our RHS qualified tutor, the workshop includes lots of information and a pot of cuttings to take home;

- ★ Learn how to sow seeds
- ★ Take simple herb cuttings
- ★ Suggestions of edible flowers to grow at home
- ★ Recipe ideas

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## EcoLocal Gardening School



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**Sarah Squire will be talking to Witley Gardening Association on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at the Chichester Hall in Witley!**



*Tuesday  
29th April 2025*

**SARAH SQUIRE**

CEO SQUIRES GARDEN CENTRES



Sarah's talk, accompanied by a slide presentation, will tell the history of the company which was founded by her grandfather in 1936. Sarah will also cover how the garden centre retail began as an industry and how the company operates today.

**THE CHICHESTER HALL WITLEY**

**Petworth Road**

**GU8 5PL**

Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start

Entry free to members. £5 to non-members

Welcome drinks available .

On **Tuesday 29th April 2025**, [Witley Gardening Association](#) are meeting at the Chichester Hall, Petworth Road, Witley, Surrey, GU8 5PL. **Doors open at 7pm** for a 7.30pm start; **Sarah Squire** will be giving a talk about [Squire's Garden Centres](#), the family company founded by her Grandfather in 1936. Entry is free to [Witley Gardening Association](#) members and £5 for non-members.

# Drought Tolerant Plants: a talk by Steve Edney & Louise Dowle on Tuesday 29th April 2025

[Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society](#) have invited **Steve Edney and Louise Dowle** from **No Name Nursery** to give a talk about **Drought Tolerant Plants** at **7pm** on **Tuesday 29th April 2025** at the **Winn Hall**, Dunsfold Common Road, Dunsfold, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4AJ. Is the cottage garden is under threat of extinction? Maybe! However, plantsmen and gardeners are fighting back against climate change. In this talk, Steve will share plants that can overcome the summer dry weather but cope with the winter wet later in the year. As always, Steve will share practical advice on how to garden in dry conditions and still have the romance of a cottage garden.

Steve has been perfecting his art for 30 years. After studying at Hadlow College in Horticulture and Merrist Wood College studying Arboriculture, he spent several years as a highly respected private gardener, tree surgeon, and designer. In 2005, he joined The Salutation to helm its huge restoration project, setting out a 5-year plan of restoration. Since 2019, Steve and his partner Louise have been working on their own project "The Land" and have built The No Name Nursery into a sustainable plant nursery in Kent. Steve also works as a freelance garden consultant. Steve and Louise will also bring along plants to sell at this meeting.



**Ecolocal's Organic Food Growing 6 Week Course starts on Saturday 3rd May 2025!**

# **Organic Food Growing**

**Saturdays**

**10.30am-12.30pm**

**Starting 3rd May '25**

**Practical learning on  
Carshalton  
Community  
Allotment**

**&**

**knowledge  
sessions on  
Zoom**

**6 week course**



If you are just starting out, or would like to get some more detailed knowledge of food growing, then this course is for you. Over 6 weeks you will learn everything you need to know to confidently grow your own organic fruit and veg. including:

- Preparing your growing area
- Planning what to grow
- No-dig method
- Crop rotation
- Natural pest control
- Organic fertilisers
- Harvesting and storing produce



All welcome and no experience needed.

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**Belinda Allen is giving a talk about Companion Planting to Witley Gardening Association on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at Grayswood Village Hall**



**Wednesday  
7th May 2025**

**BELINDA ALLEN**

**NB THIS MEETING IS AT  
GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

**COMPANION  
PLANTING**

A fond welcome back to WGA for Belinda with her latest talk. Belinda will explain how gardening with nature the organic way rather than with chemicals will be beneficial to all. Belinda regularly gives interesting talks in our area and is a Surrey horticultural judge.

Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start  
Entry free to members. £5 to non-members  
Welcome drinks available  
**. GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

On **Wednesday 7th May 2025**, [Witley Gardening Association](#) are meeting at Grayswood Village Hall, Haslemere, GU27 2DJ. **Doors open at 7pm** for a 7.30pm start; **Belinda Allen** will be giving a talk about **Companion Planting**. Entry is free to [Witley Gardening Association](#) members and £5 for non-members.

## **Thursley Horticultural Society's Plant Sale is from 10.30am until 12 noon on Saturday 10th May 2025 by the Cricket Pavilion, on the recreation ground in Thursley, GU8**

[Thursley Horticultural Society](#)'s Plant Sale is from 10.30am until 12 noon on Saturday 10th May 2025 by the Cricket Pavilion, on the recreation ground in Thursley, Godalming, Surrey, GU8. New members and visitors are always very welcome – this is a superb opportunity to buy beautiful plants at great prices! [Thursley Horticultural Society](#) are a lovely and friendly, welcoming group. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

## **Alessandra Valsecchi will be giving a talk about Growing Grapevines to the National Vegetable Society Surrey District Association on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at East Horsley Village Hall**



The [National Vegetable Society Surrey District Association](#) are looking forward to welcoming Vineyard Manager and Vine Expert, **Alessandra Valsecchi** to their meeting at **8pm on Wednesday 14th May 2025** at **East Horsley Village Hall**, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey KT24 6QT. Expert, **Alessandra Valsecchi** will be giving an informative talk on **Growing**



**Grapevines.** Entry is free for National Vegetable Society members, £1 for members of affiliated societies, £2 for RHS Students, and £3 for visitors - everyone is very welcome to attend this interesting and informative talk.

The [National Vegetable Society Surrey District Association](#) are a small, friendly group of keen vegetable growers. Many of our members grow a wide range of edible plants in their gardens and allotments. Our members range from fairly new vegetable gardeners, all the way through to experienced, expert, and professional growers. New members, visitors, and guests, are always welcome at our talks, meetings, shows, and events.

## **Squire's Garden Centres invite Garden Lovers to Attend their Summer Hanging Basket Masterclasses on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at all their Garden Centres!**



[Squire's Garden Centres](#) invite garden lovers to attend their [Summer Hanging Basket Masterclasses](#) at **10am** and again at **2pm** on **Wednesday 14th May 2025** at all of [Squire's Garden Centres](#) (excluding Chertsey). Participants will craft a vibrant hanging display, learning how to expertly layer a selection of trailing and upright plants with a striking centrepiece bloom, such as a scented geranium or fuchsia. The session will also cover essential watering, feeding, and pruning techniques to keep baskets flourishing all season long.

Tickets cost £30 per person, which includes the planted basket, a free tea or coffee voucher to enjoy in Squire's Café Bar, plus 10% off all plants in-store on the day. Spaces are limited for these events and so early booking is recommended. Visit [squiresgardencentres.co.uk](https://squiresgardencentres.co.uk) to secure your place.

## Visit Grayshott Hidden Gardens from 12 noon until 6pm on 25th May 2025 and 26th May 2025



The poster features a logo at the top left with the text 'HIDDEN Gardens OF GRAYSHOTT' in a mix of green and blue fonts, accompanied by illustrations of a dragonfly, a bird, and a watering can. To the right of the logo is a green box with the text 'PRIVATE GARDENS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC'. Below the logo, the text 'ENTRY £7.50' and 'FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16' is displayed in orange. A green box contains the text 'Valid for both days and includes a FREE garden guide'. A pink box on the right lists activities: 'Explore gorgeous gardens', 'Buy home-grown plants', 'Enjoy lovely homemade refreshments', and 'Discover family-friendly activities'. The bottom of the poster features a green border with the website address 'www.hiddengardensofgrayshott.co.uk/event-tickets'.

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May 25th / 26th 2025 12pm - 6pm daily

The villagers of Grayshott open their gardens to raise funds for gardening projects around the village

Explore gorgeous gardens  
Buy home-grown plants  
Enjoy lovely homemade refreshments  
Discover family-friendly activities

[www.hiddengardensofgrayshott.co.uk/event-tickets](http://www.hiddengardensofgrayshott.co.uk/event-tickets)

Over 35 gardens and attractions are opening their gates for this special event, so take the opportunity to explore these beautiful gardens, set amongst National Trust land. Whether you want ideas on how to transform a new build plot, or you wish to experience the amazing views Grayshott gardens offer, or just be inspired, then this two-day event is worth the trip. There's plenty to interest all the family, with a wide range of attractions, including a working forge, an outdoor educational venue for kids to enjoy, hunt the garden fairy, and a photography competition. There's an easy access trail for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Tickets at £7.50 each (kids go free) are available in [advance on the website from April 20th](http://www.hiddengardensofgrayshott.co.uk/event-tickets) or buy tickets on the day. The gardens **open from 12 noon until 6pm** both days.



## Grayswood Open Gardens is from 11.30am until 4.30pm on Sunday 1st June 2025!



Grayswood is proud to open its gardens for the 7th time. Eleven private gardens will be opening for this special event. There will also be a display of Classic Cars at Grayswood Cars, yummy teas and home-made cakes at the village hall, and a bumper plant sale on the green for visitors to snap up some bargains!



The open gardens are a mix of large (Grayswood House, Clammer Hill House, The Old Coach House) and small, ranging from formal to cottage style (Wyck House). Many gardens are terraced. Visitors can admire some interesting designs at Pegasus and Findings Cottage.





The modernist White House (rare Grade II\* listing) was built in 1933. The formal gardens remain true to the original. There are flat lawns surrounded by modernist rectangular beds; the sculptural concrete driveway island links to a wildlife pool encased by a concrete pagoda.

Near the Wheatsheaf, down a small lane is Little Hollow. The garden reflects the artist owner's creativity and gardening know how. Behind the house is a large patio edged with glorious beds. The studio lies alongside a large pond with a water feature, beyond is a lovely view across the woodland.

Along Lower Road is the AppArt Sculpture Garden. It has espalier and fan fruit trees, raised vegetable beds, and a bright red pergola festooned with roses and clematis. The sculptures are added to each year and make wonderful features.





Along The Klondyke is No. 3. This small garden packs a big punch! Careful design blends with a riot of planting among far eastern artefacts - it's truly a one off.

Opening for the first time for Grayswood Open Gardens is the Manor House, 3 Gates Lane. Set in 6 acres with fine views, an impressive show of azaleas and wisteria; water gardens and a magnificent rose garden.



The gardens will be open from 11.30am until 4.30pm. Tickets cost £6, on sale at Wyck House and the village hall.

<https://www.facebook.com/grayswoodopengardens> or email: [grayswoodopengardens@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodopengardens@gmail.com)

## Do you need certificates for your Flower Show?

The **Surrey Horticultural Federation Certificates of Merit** are available from our **Chairman, Janet Arm**. If you would like to receive Certificates of Merit, please **post an A4 or Foolscap sized, stamped addressed envelope** with a **large second class stamp** (£1.55) to Janet Arm at Redleaf Nursery, Green Lane, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2AP.

## Spreadsheets for Show Cards

John Manches has devised a special computer spreadsheet to cope with printing show entry cards and adding up the points won for cup presentations. If any Surrey Horticultural Federation Clubs and Societies are interested in receiving John's template, please contact John by email at: [johnmanches74@gmail.com](mailto:johnmanches74@gmail.com) or phone 01252-702752.

## Sunday Gardening Programme on BBC Radio Surrey

Don't miss the **Sunday Gardening programme** on **BBC Radio Surrey** from **10:30am until 12 noon**. Each week, the show have a segment where they promote gardening events in the local community; from talks to workshops, from fairs to meet-ups. No matter if it's big or small, ticketed or free, the team want to hear from you and your society about what events you've got planned.

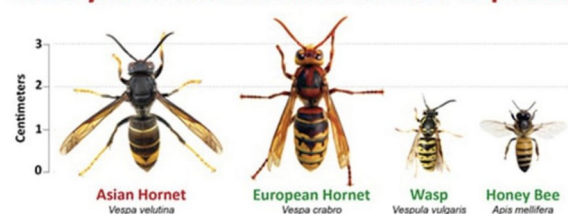
If you have any events to promote, then get in touch via email: [Sunday.gardening@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Sunday.gardening@bbc.co.uk). It's possible you could also have the opportunity to come on the programme and tell the listeners about your group and what it is you do.

Additionally, please do let your members know that if they ever have any gardening questions, they can reach out to the Sunday Gardening programme via email [Sunday.gardening@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Sunday.gardening@bbc.co.uk) or call the team from **10am on Sundays** on **0800 587 1046**. The Sunday Gardening programme are joined every week by a gardening expert who is ready to answer any question you may have.

## Report Asian Hornet Sightings



**Think you've seen an Asian Hornet? Report it!**



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or [www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport](http://www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport)



I am sharing this early, to allow you to have time to share this information with your members, so they're informed and prepared, ready for summer. Asian Hornets have been sighted in the UK in recent years. Why does this matter? The Asian Hornet is highly aggressive predator of our native insects; entomologists feel that the Asian Hornet poses a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators.

Two Asian hornet nests were found in Surrey in September 2023. The nests were subsequently destroyed by experts from DEFRA. Keep up to date with [Asian hornet sightings by clicking here](#).

If you think you've seen an Asian Hornet, take a photo if you can. Please take care and do not disturb an active nest. Members of the public who suspect they have found an Asian Hornet should [report it to the NNSS through their online form](#) or by emailing [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk).

A free ID sheet is available from the GB Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS). [Click here to view detailed pictures to help you correctly identify an Asian Hornet](#).



## Speaker Feedback

Has a speaker given a talk to your society over the past few months? Please share your confidential feedback by emailing me your thoughts, both positive and negative on the speakers you booked last year, and I will share your feedback privately (via email) with the other clubs that are members of the SHF – thank you. My email is [beth@pumpkinbeth.com](mailto:beth@pumpkinbeth.com).

**NB: Speaker feedback is private and confidential and is not to be shared with anyone other than your group's programme secretary.**

## Publicising Your Club or Society's Events

If your club or society is a fully paid up member of the Surrey Horticultural Federation, I will be delighted to add your society or club's events to our website. Please email me, [beth@pumpkinbeth.com](mailto:beth@pumpkinbeth.com). To successfully publicise your event, I need to know:

- **What date your event takes place.**
- **What time your event starts.**
- **Where your event is held.**
- **What type of event you're holding? If it's a talk, please let me know the name of the speaker and their talk title.**
- **Finally, I need to know the entrance fee for non-members and visitors.**

## Do You Have Anything You Would Like Me to Add to the Next Surrey Horticultural Federation Newsletter?

If you are a member of the Surrey Horticultural Federation and you have something you would like me to add to the next newsletter or an event you would like me to add to the website, please contact me, Beth Otway, the Surrey Horticultural Federation's Website & Events Secretary – my email is [beth@pumpkinbeth.com](mailto:beth@pumpkinbeth.com).

**On behalf of our Chairperson Janet Arm, Our Membership Secretary and Treasurer, Katharine Deaville, and all the Surrey Horticultural Federation Council, I'd like to send you our very best wishes for the growing season ahead.**

Kind regards  
Beth

**Beth Otway**  
Website & Events Secretary  
Surrey Horticultural Federation

### Upcoming Events:

April 2025

Wed 2- [The Pleasure of Weeding: a talk by David](#)

Send Gardening Society   Fiona Collett   01483

Apr-2025	<a href="#">Standing</a>			765730
Wed 2- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Brooklands Horticultural Society AGM &amp; Spring Show</a>	Brooklands Horticultural Society	Barbara Royston	
Thu 3- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Murder Most Florid: a talk by renowned botanist and public speaker, Mark Spencer – followed by AGM</a>	Woldingham and District Horticultural Society	Heather Stark	0790 1944 381
Thu 3- Apr-2025	<a href="#">The Alpine Garden Society Woking – West Surrey Group AGM and Plant Show</a>	The Alpine Garden Society Woking - West Surrey Group	Hamish Sinclair	01483 487463
Fri 4- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Woking Nurserymen: a talk by David Rose</a>	Woodham & New Haw Horticultural Club	Louise Clubley	07843 962421
Fri 4- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Lightwater Gardening Club Daffodil Show</a>	Lightwater Gardening Club	Ms. Lynn Bull	01276-502497
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Thursley Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Thursley Horticultural Society	Mrs. Pat Clake	01252-706869
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Wonersh &amp; District Garden Club's Spring Show</a>	Wonersh and District Garden Club	Mrs. H. Goodridge	01483-535108
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Caterham &amp; District Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Caterham & District Horticultural Society	Mrs. Karen Murray	
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Dunsfold &amp; Hascombe Horticultural Society Virtual Spring Show</a>	Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society	Paul Goudie	
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Witley Gardening Association Spring Show</a>	Witley Gardening Association	Christine Cox	
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Horsley Garden Society Centenary Celebration, Spring Show, Afternoon Tea, &amp; Talk by Bob Flowerdew on 'No Work Gardening'</a>	Horsley Garden Society	Terry Lazenby	
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Elstead Garden Club Spring Show</a>	Elstead Garden Club	Mrs. Alison Gravett	01252-703318
Sat 5- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Fernhurst Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Fernhurst Horticultural Society	John Hargrove	01428-641896
Sun 6- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Capel Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Capel Horticultural Society	David Silliman	
Mon 7- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Herbs and their uses Culinary and Medicinal With Belinda Allen</a>	Merstham Horticultural Society		
Mon 7- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Wiltshire Beekeepers: a talk by Fred Swift</a>	Oakley Gardening Club	Ms. Maureen Dallaway	01256-780788
Tue 8- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 8- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Looking after the planters and tidying up the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 8- Apr-2025	<a href="#">History of NGS and local gardens to Yateley: a talk by Annabel Alford-Warren</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533
Wed 9-	<a href="#">Barnsdale After Geoff: a talk by Nick Hamilton</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719

Apr-2025				457821
Wed 9- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Ascot Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Ascot Horticultural Society	Mrs Lindsey Payne	0784751136 1
Wed 9- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Unusual Crops and Potential Crops of the Future: a talk by Elizabeth Mooney</a>	National Vegetable Society (NVS) Surrey District Association	Beth Otway	
Thu 10- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Plant Heritage in-person &amp; Zoom talk: The Secret World of Moths: a talk by Peter Smith</a>	Plant Heritage, Surrey Group (NCCPG)	Wendy Bentall	01276- 858256
Thu 10- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Egham Garden &amp; Allotments Association Spring Show &amp; Quiz</a>	Egham Gardens and Allotment Association	Cynthia Reilly	07790 273225
Thu 10- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Plant Heritage Open Day to see Queen Mary II Exoticks Collection at Hampton Court Palace</a>	Plant Heritage, Surrey Group (NCCPG)	Wendy Bentall	01276- 858256
Fri 11- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Sustainable Gardening: a talk by Jeremy Andrews</a>	Storrington Horticultural Society	Janet Webber	
Sat 12- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Grayshott Gardeners' Spring Show</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719 457821
Sat 12- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Banstead Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show</a>	Banstead Horticultural Society	Gail Fraser	01737- 356576
Sat 12- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Ewhurst Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Ewhurst Horticultural Society	Mrs. Anne Dyball	07980 122530
Sat 12- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Froyle Gardening Club Spring Show</a>	Froyle Gardening Club	Madeleine Dowding	01420- 85530
Sat 12- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Kingswood, Walton &amp; Tadworth Horticultural Society Spring Show</a>	Kingswood, Walton, & Tadworth Horticultural Society	Mr. K.G.Lewis	01737- 210707
Sat 12- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Euphorbias for Home and Garden: a talk by Kevin Tooher</a>	Hardy Plant Society Southern Counties Group	Anne Grabaskey	
Sun 13- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill: Planters Working Party at Reigate Station</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Mon 14- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Clematis: a talk by Liz Gibbison</a>	Basingstoke Horticultural Society	Mr. Philip Wraight	01256- 324185
Mon 14- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Gardening Should be Fun: a talk by Jean Griffin</a>	Brockham Green Horticultural Society	Ruth Johnson	01737 842691
Mon 14- Apr-2025	<a href="#">RHS Plant Trials: a talk by Tricia Beer</a>	Elstead Garden Club	Mrs. Alison Gravett	01252- 703318
Tue 15- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 15- Apr-2025	<a href="#">The Therapy Garden: a talk by Sally Wooding</a>	Esher and Molesey Garden Society	Ann Beauchamp	0208979141 5
Wed 16- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Herbs – History, Growing and Care: a talk by Belinda Allen</a>	Onslow Village Garden Club	Mrs Anne Bradbeer	01483 563421
Wed 16- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Trees for Small Gardens, including pots and fruit trees in pots: a talk by Maria Shalcross</a>	Wallington, Carshalton and Beddington	Christine Hockham	01243 824726



## Horticultural Society

Wed 16- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Elstead Garden Club visit to Dunsborough Park Tulips (car share)</a>	Elstead Garden Club	Mrs. Alison Gravett	01252-703318
Wed 16- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Fermentation and Sourdough for Beginners: a talk by Penny Brougham and Aimee Blumsom</a>	Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural Society	Mr. N. Clarke	0208-644-9291
Thu 17- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Aspects of Fuchsias: a talk by Carol Gubler (plants for sale)</a>	New Society Gardening Club (Camberley)	Sarah Wesley	07400 850876
Thu 17- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Hale Garden Club's Coach Trip to Arundel Castle's Tulip Festival</a>	Hale Garden Club	Geoff Wallis	01252 711993
Tue 22- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Looking after the planters and tidying up the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 22- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 22- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Flowers for All Occasions: a talk by Elizabeth Barralet</a>	Milford Horticultural & Gardening Society	Mr Stewart Miskimmin	01483-421509
Wed 23- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Epsom Garden Society Spring Display, Plant Sale &amp; Seed Swap</a>	Epsom Garden Society	Catherine Flitter	07821-277708
Wed 23- Apr-2025	<a href="#">All About Bees and Beekeeping: a talk by Tony Lack</a>	Thursley Horticultural Society	Mrs. Pat Clarke	01252-706869
Thu 24- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Plant Heritage Zoom Talk: 'Saving Daffodils – the Noel Burr Collection' and Plant Heritage National AGM</a>	Plant Heritage, Surrey Group (NCCPG)	Wendy Bentall	01276-858256
Sat 26- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Ewhurst Horticultural Society Plant Sale</a>	Ewhurst Horticultural Society	Mrs. Anne Dyball	07980 122530
Sun 27- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill: Merstham Planters Working Party at Merstham Train Station</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 29- Apr-2025	<a href="#">An Evening with Sarah Squire from Squire's Garden Centres</a>	Witley Gardening Association	Christine Cox	
Tue 29- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Drought Tolerant Plants: a talk by Steve Edney &amp; Louise Dowle (No Name Nursery)</a>	Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society	Paul Goudie	
Tue 29- Apr-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
May 2025				
Thu 1- May- 2025	<a href="#">Greek Roadside Weeds: a talk by Paul Whitlock</a>	The Alpine Garden Society Woking - West Surrey Group	Hamish Sinclair	01483 487463
Fri 2- May- 2025	<a href="#">Viticulture in the South of England: a talk by Alessandra Valsecchi</a>	Woodham & New Haw Horticultural Club	Louise Clubley	07843 962421
Fri 2- May- 2025	<a href="#">Clematis and Climbers: a talk by Everett Leeds</a>	Lightwater Gardening Club	Ms. Lynn Bull	01276-502497

Sat 3- May- 2025	<a href="#">Ashford Horticultural Society Plant Fair</a>	Ashford Horticultural Society	Mr. B. Muggerridge	01784-254986
Sat 3- May- 2025	<a href="#">Brockham Green Horticultural Society's Annual Plant Sale</a>	Brockham Green Horticultural Society	Ruth Johnson	01737 842691
Sun 4- May- 2025	<a href="#">Plant Heritage Plant Fair at Denbies Wine Estate</a>	Plant Heritage, Surrey Group (NCCPG)	Wendy Bental	01276-858256
Sun 4- May- 2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill: Planters Working Party Reigate</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Sun 4- May- 2025	<a href="#">Capel Horticultural Society Spring Litter Pick</a>	Capel Horticultural Society	David Silliman	
Mon 5- May- 2025	<a href="#">Send Gardening Society Plant Sale at The May Fair</a>	Send Gardening Society	Fiona Collett	01483 765730
Mon 5- May- 2025	<a href="#">Interesting Plants and Bulbs: a talk by Souren Ala</a>	Oakley Gardening Club	Ms. Maureen Dallaway	01256-780788
Mon 5- May- 2025	<a href="#">Yateley and District Gardening Society Plant Stall at the May Fayre on the Green</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533
Tue 6- May- 2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Looking after the planters and tidying up the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 6- May- 2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Wed 7- May- 2025	<a href="#">A talk by Timothy Walker</a>	Wonersh and District Garden Club	Mrs. H. Goodridge	01483-535108
Wed 7- May- 2025	<a href="#">Storrington Horticultural Society: Outing to Furzey Garden and Exbury Garden</a>	Storrington Horticultural Society	Janet Webber	
Wed 7- May- 2025	<a href="#">Companion Planting: a talk by Belinda Allen</a>	Witley Gardening Association	Christine Cox	
Thu 8- May- 2025	<a href="#">A talk by Sheila Das</a>	Egham Gardens and Allotment Association	Cynthia Reilly	07790 273225
Thu 8- May- 2025	<a href="#">Yateley and District Gardening Society Private Visit to a Japanese Garden in Fleet</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533

Fri 9-May-2025	<a href="#">Bees, Wasps &amp; Hornets: a talk by Tony Lack</a>	Froyle Gardening Club	Madeleine Dowding	01420-85530
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Thursley Horticultural Society Plant Sale</a>	Thursley Horticultural Society	Mrs. Pat Clarke	01252-706869
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Grayshott Gardeners' Plant Sale</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719 457821
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Onslow Village Garden Club Plant Sale</a>	Onslow Village Garden Club	Mrs Anne Bradbeer	01483 563421
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Egham Gardens and Allotment Association Plant Sale</a>	Egham Gardens and Allotment Association	Cynthia Reilly	07790 273225
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Dunsfold &amp; Hascombe Plant Sale at Dunsfold Village Fete</a>	Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society	Paul Goudie	
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Plant Heritage Surrey Group Visit to the Mathers Foundation Orchid collection</a>	Plant Heritage, Surrey Group (NCCPG)	Wendy Bentall	01276-858256
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Woldingham and District Horticultural Society Spring Plant Sale</a>	Woldingham and District Horticultural Society	Heather Stark	0790 1944 381
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Elstead Garden Club's Plant Sale</a>	Elstead Garden Club	Mrs. Alison Gravett	01252-703318
Sat 10-May-2025	<a href="#">Capel Horticultural Society Plant Sale</a>	Capel Horticultural Society	David Silliman	
Sun 11-May-2025	<a href="#">Plant Fair at Borde Hill Garden</a>	Plant Heritage, Surrey Group (NCCPG)	Wendy Bentall	01276-858256
Mon 12-May-2025	<a href="#">Secrets of Garden Design: a talk by Nick Turrell</a>	Elstead Garden Club	Mrs. Alison Gravett	01252-703318
Tue 13-May-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 13-May-2025	<a href="#">Dahlias: a talk by Darren Everest</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533
Wed 14-May-2025	<a href="#">Dahlias: a talk by Darren Everest</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719 457821



Wed 14-May-2025	<a href="#">Growing Grapevines: a talk by Expert, Alessandra Valsecchi</a>	National Vegetable Society (NVS) Surrey District Association	Beth Otway	
Wed 14-May-2025	<a href="#">Banstead Horticultural Society Coach Trip to Ramster and Wisley Gardens</a>	Banstead Horticultural Society	Gail Fraser	01737-356576
Wed 14-May-2025	<a href="#">Yateley and District Gardening Society Private Visit to a Japanese Garden in Fleet</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533
Thu 15-May-2025	<a href="#">Plant Trials with the RHS: a talk by Steven Edney from No Name Nursery (with plants for sale)</a>	New Society Gardening Club (Camberley)	Sarah Wesley	07400 850876
Fri 16-May-2025	<a href="#">RSPB Pulborough: a talk by John Oliver</a>	Storrington Horticultural Society	Janet Webber	
Sat 17-May-2025	<a href="#">Woodham and New Haw Horticultural Club Plant Sale and the Silver Club Cake Sale</a>	Woodham & New Haw Horticultural Club	Louise Clubley	07843 962421
Sat 17-May-2025	<a href="#">Gardeners, Cooks, Flower Arrangers and Crafters Questions</a>	Caterham & District Horticultural Society	Mrs. Karen Murray	
Sat 17-May-2025	<a href="#">Horsley Garden Society Plant Sale</a>	Horsley Garden Society	Terry Lazenby	
Sat 17-May-2025	<a href="#">Newdigate Plant Sale</a>	Newdigate Horticultural Society	Jen Warans	
Sat 17-May-2025	<a href="#">Caterham &amp; District Horticultural Society: Cuppa at the Community Garden</a>	Caterham & District Horticultural Society	Mrs. Karen Murray	
Sun 18-May-2025	<a href="#">Fernhurst Horticultural Society Plant Stall at Fernhurst Revels</a>	Fernhurst Horticultural Society	John Hargrove	01428-641896
Mon 19-May-2025	<a href="#">Gardening with a Bad Back: a talk by Christian Dupont</a>	Basingstoke Horticultural Society	Mr. Philip Wraight	01256-324185
Tue 20-May-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Looking after the planters and tidying up the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 20-May-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Wed 21-May-2025	<a href="#">Dahlias: a talk by Mark Saunders</a>	Onslow Village Garden Club	Mrs Anne Bradbeer	01483 563421

Wed 21- May- 2025	<a href="#">Aspects of Fuchsias: a talk by Carol Gubler</a>	Wallington, Carshalton and Beddington Horticultural Society	Christine Hockham	01243 824726
Wed 21- May- 2025	<a href="#">The Musings of a Garden Designer: a talk by Simon Horrill</a>	Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural Society	Mr. N. Clarke	0208-644- 9291
Thu 22- May- 2025	<a href="#">A History of Allotments: a talk with Dr Judith Hill</a>	Epsom Garden Society	Catherine Flitter	07821- 277708
Thu 22- May- 2025	<a href="#">Kingston, Walton, &amp; Tadworth Horticultural Society Self-drive Trip to Visit Shamley Wood Estate</a>	Kingswood, Walton, & Tadworth Horticultural Society	Mr. K.G.Lewis	01737- 210707
Sat 24- May- 2025	<a href="#">Banstead Horticultural Society Mini Show and Open Day</a>	Banstead Horticultural Society	Gail Fraser	01737- 356576
Sun 25- May- 2025	<a href="#">Grayshott Hidden Gardens</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719 457821
Sun 25- May- 2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Looking after the planters and tidying up the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Mon 26- May- 2025	<a href="#">Grayshott Hidden Gardens</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719 457821
Tue 27- May- 2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 27- May- 2025	<a href="#">The Development Of Millais Nursery: a talk by Daniel Turner</a>	Milford Horticultural & Gardening Society	Mr Stewart Miskimmin	01483- 421509
June 2025				
Sun 1- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill: Planters Working Party at Reigate Station</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Sun 1- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Grayswood Open Gardens</a>	Witley Gardening Association	Christine Cox	
Mon 2- Jun-2025	<a href="#">How Merstham Horticultural Society Began: a talk by the committee</a>	Merstham Horticultural Society		
Mon 2- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Secrets of Chelsea: a talk by Pip Bensley</a>	Oakley Gardening Club	Ms. Maureen Dallaway	01256- 780788
Tue 3- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Dunsfold &amp; Hascombe Horticultural Society Visit to Dunsfold Centenary Open Gardens Tour I</a>	Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society	Paul Goudie	
Tue 3- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Looking after the planters and tidying up the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 3-	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737

Jun-2025	<a href="#">Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>			903086
Wed 4-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Wonersh &amp; District Garden Club Members Visit to a Chinthurst Lodge, Wonersh</a>	Wonersh and District Garden Club	Mrs. H. Goodridge	01483-535108
Wed 4-Jun-2025	<a href="#">National Trust Gardens: a talk by Paul Whittle</a>	Send Gardening Society	Fiona Collett	01483 765730
Fri 6-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Monet: Painter &amp; Gardener: a talk by John Hughes</a>	Woodham & New Haw Horticultural Club	Louise Clubley	07843 962421
Fri 6-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Super Seasonal Display Ideas: a talk by Mark Saunders</a>	Lightwater Gardening Club	Ms. Lynn Bull	01276-502497
Sat 7-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Headley Open Gardens: Through the Garden Gate</a>	Headley Horticultural Society	Mrs. Jill Howard-Duff	01428-714073
Sun 8-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Headley Open Gardens: Through the Garden Gate</a>	Headley Horticultural Society	Mrs. Jill Howard-Duff	01428-714073
Tue 10-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Creating a Bee Friendly Garden for LB's Bee Keeping Project</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086
Tue 10-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Aquatics for All: a talk by Paul Patton</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533
Wed 11-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Sissinghurst – Growing the garden and the Gardeners: a talk by Paul Mooncie-Dunmall</a>	Grayshott Gardeners	Sue Wheeler	07719 457821
Wed 11-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Wallington, Carshalton and Beddington Horticultural Society's Outing to Pashley Manor</a>	Wallington, Carshalton and Beddington Horticultural Society	Christine Hockham	01243 824726
Wed 11-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Dunsfold &amp; Hascombe Horticultural Society Visit to Dunsfold Centenary Open Gardens Tour II</a>	Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society	Paul Goudie	
Wed 11-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Storrington Horticultural Society: Outing to Oxford Botanical Garden and Waterperry gardens</a>	Storrington Horticultural Society	Janet Webber	
Thu 12-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Beekeeping: a talk by Richard Emmett</a>	Egham Gardens and Allotment Association	Cynthia Reilly	07790 273225
Thu 12-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Yateley and District Gardening Society Coach Trip to Hever Castle, Edenbridge, Kent</a>	Yateley and District Gardening Society	Mrs. Julia Dobbin	01252-870533
Sat 14-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Dunsfold &amp; Hascombe Horticultural Society Early Summer Show</a>	Dunsfold & Hascombe Horticultural Society	Paul Goudie	
Sat 14-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Caterham &amp; District Horticultural Society Plant Sale at Caterham Carnival</a>	Caterham & District Horticultural Society	Mrs. Karen Murray	
Sat 14-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Epsom Garden Society's Annual Garden and Craft Show</a>	Epsom Garden Society	Catherine Flitter	07821-277708
Sat 14-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Egham Gardens and Allotment Association Celebrate Magna Carta Day (at the High Street in Egham)</a>	Egham Gardens and Allotment Association	Cynthia Reilly	07790 273225
Mon 16-Jun-2025	<a href="#">Basingstoke Horticultural Society Garden Visit</a>	Basingstoke Horticultural Society	Mr. Philip Wraight	01256-324185



Tue 17- Jun-2025	<a href="#">My Life in Gardening: a talk by Gerald Smith</a>	Esher and Molesey Garden Society	Ann Beauchamp	0208979141 5
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Wed 18- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Witley Gardening Association &amp; Milford Horticultural Society Visit to Witley Manor</a>	Witley Gardening Association	Christine Cox	
Wed 18- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Thursley Horticultural Society Members' Rose and Rosé Wine Evening</a>	Thursley Horticultural Society	Mrs. Pat Clake	01252- 706869
Wed 18- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Onslow Village Garden Club's Summer Show</a>	Onslow Village Garden Club	Mrs Anne Bradbeer	01483 563421
Wed 18- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Growing Dahlias the Withypitts Way: a talk by Richard Ramsay</a>	Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural Society	Mr. N. Clarke	0208-644- 9291
Thu 19- Jun-2025	<a href="#">New Society Gardening Club's Summer Outing</a>	New Society Gardening Club (Camberley)	Sarah Wesley	07400 850876
Fri 20- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Apuldrum Roses: a talk by Elizabeth Sawday</a>	Storrington Horticultural Society	Janet Webber	
Sat 21- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Banstead Horticultural Society Early Summer Flower Show</a>	Banstead Horticultural Society	Gail Fraser	01737- 356576
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Sun 22- Jun-2025	<a href="#">Growing Redhill and Surrey Choices: Tidying up and Weeding the areas by Merstham Hub for Raven Housing</a>	Growing Redhill	Karen Murray	01737 903086