



KIMBLE & ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Programme of Events: 2024

FEBRUARY – Scheduled by Zoom

Organic Gardening – Happy Plants, Happy Minds 8 00 pm Tuesday 6th
We welcome Nicola Hope who is an RHS Master of Horticulture with a passion for organic gardening. She is a designer, writer and speaker with a lively style and gorgeous photographs on her social media. She will take us through a gardening year at the big garden in the Cotswolds where she works and has promised plenty of tips, beautiful flowers and vegetables.

MARCH – Stewart Hall

AGM 7 15 pm Tuesday 5th
Plants for Shade and Woodland 8 00 pm
Timothy Walker, former Director at Oxford University Botanic Gardens and now lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford, is always a very informative and entertaining speaker. Most gardens have somewhere that the sun does not shine for some, or all, of the day. This talk looks at which plants can be grown in the five different types of shade in a variety of different soils such as dry or damp. All the plants are suitable for a small garden. It also looks at the woodlands around the world that have given us so many good garden plants.

APRIL

The Art of Low Maintenance Gardening 8 00 pm Tuesday 2nd
We welcome back Professor Sandy Primrose who is a scientist and author with a passion for gardening. He will discuss some of the techniques that he uses to reduce gardening chores and keep maintenance to a minimum whilst having flowers all the year round.

SPRING SHOW - Stewart Hall 2 00 – 4 30 pm Sunday 7th
Come and enjoy some beautiful displays of Spring flowers and enjoy delicious home-made cakes. If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the [Spring Show Information](#)

MAY

Ornamental Grasses 8 00 pm Tuesday 7th
George Lockwood trained at Capel Manor and is a passionate organic gardener and plantsman. He will explain when each of the plants shown flowers and what aspect and soil it needs. He also provides useful tips and a full list of the plants he shows to help you plan your garden.

PLANT SALE – Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross 10 00 – 11 30 am Saturday 11th
This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early - everything will be sold by about 11 am on past form.

JUNE

Planting Design 8 00 pm Tuesday 4th
Maria Greenhill from Milton Keynes is a qualified garden designer with a passion for green and organic gardening. She will tell us about what she bears in mind when planning a border such as plant forms and shapes. She'll also share other tips about matters such as colour scheming, repetition of plants and all-season interest.

JULY

Members Garden Visit Tuesday 2nd
Evening visit to be confirmed

SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall 2 00 – 4 30 pm Sunday 1st
Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.
If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting please see the [Autumn Show Information](#)

Have You Done Your Roots? 8 00 pm Tuesday 3rd
Good root growth is essential for healthy and productive plants. How can you be sure your plants are performing well under ground when you can't even see them? Andrew Mikolajski, writer, speaker and RHS judge returns to answer this and other questions with his new talk.

OCTOBER

Climbers and Wall Shrubs for Vertical Gardening 8 00 pm Tuesday 1st
Tom Cole, lecturer, author and broadcaster was Head of Horticulture at Capel Manor College and then Head of Faculty at Writtle University. He also runs a soft landscaping and maintenance business. We look forward to some new and interesting ideas on this subject.

NOVEMBER

Winter Wonder 8 00 pm Tuesday 5th
Amber Hine, who trained in garden design at Capel Manor College, will talk to us about the joys of the winter garden. She'll investigate some seasonal treats and what plants you can add to make the best of what can otherwise be a barren time of year. She'll cover winter garden structure which comes into its own this time of year, seedheads, plants for garden scent and winter garden blooms. She'll also look at design features for winter interest, garden lighting and her favourite gardens for fantastic winter displays.

DECEMBER

Talk To be Confirmed Plus Christmas Social 8 00 pm Tuesday 3rd
Speaker to be confirmed