

CUMNOR GARDENING CLUB – 2019 PROGRAMME.

The Club held its second second Winter Social in the Village Hall on Monday 21 January. Sue Burge gave an excellent talk on “Creating my garden”. We hope to visit her garden at Horton-cum-Studley in 2020. This was a highly enjoyable social occasion and was well attended despite the wintry weather.

The Club’s next meeting is its AGM on Monday 4 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be preceded by a talk from Anthony Powell entitled ‘The Scented Garden’. Anthony has travelled widely and worked in nurseries and gardens in England and France. He now manages four gardens in North Hampshire / West Berkshire. Visitors are welcome.

The Spring Show (including a plant sale) will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 April. A schedule of classes and an entry form is included in this edition of the Cumnor Parish News and entries are welcome from everyone, whether or not they are members.

There will be two self-drive visits to the bluebell woods at Tubney on Saturday 11 May and Saturday 18 May courtesy of Alan and Marian Woodward. Please contact Alan on 390457 for further details including parking.

The speaker at the Spring Social in the Village Hall on Monday 13 May at 7.30pm will be Ray Broughton. Ray trained at RHS Garden Wisley and is currently a Senior Lecturer at Sparsholt College. He will talk on ‘The Garden Year – Month by Month’. Visitors are welcome.

There will be a self-drive visit to Appleton Manor on Monday 17 May. Appleton Manor dates from the C12th and its garden has been developed by the current owners in conjunction with the renowned garden designer, Anne Maynard. Features range from topiary shapes and pleached crab-apples to a kitchen garden with a restored antique glasshouse and a moat. Please contact Russell Ansell on 862172 for details on all the two outings.

The Club will be organizing an Open Gardens event in and around Cumnor on Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 June. The proceeds will be in aid of Flexicare. Some 20 gardens have already offered

to open, and teas will be available in the Old School. Please contact Sally Strang on 240310 nearer the time for further details.

There will be a coach visit to Upton Wold and Batsford Arboretum on Monday 8 July. Upton Wold is a beautifully hidden private Cotswold garden full of interesting features and unusual plants. Nearby Batsford is home to the country's largest private collection of trees and shrubs.

The Autumn Show (including a produce sale) will be on Saturday 7 September in the Village Hall. A schedule of classes and an entry form will be printed in the Cumnor Parish News. As always entries are welcome from everyone, whether or not they are members.

The Autumn Social will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 7 October at 7.30pm. In place of a speaker there will be a Gardeners Question Time. Members will be able to put questions to a panel of experts. Visitors are welcome. Please contact Chris Scruby on 862557 for further details.

The final event of 2019 will be a coach visit to the National Arboretum at Westonbirt on Tuesday 22 October. It contains 18,000 trees and shrubs spread over 600 acres with 17 miles of marked paths. There should be plenty of autumn colour, and there will be guided tours of the Old Arboretum, a carefully designed landscape offering beautiful vistas, stately avenues and a host of rare and exotic trees dating back to the 1850's.

Details of the programme and other information about the Club can be found on the Club's website at www.cumnorgardens.org.uk

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