

## CUMNOR GARDENING CLUB – 2020/21 PROGRAMME.

The Club held its Winter Social in the Village Hall on Monday 20 January. Peter Richardson of Preston Bissett Nursery gave a talk on 'Winter Colour and Structure'

The Club's next meeting is its AGM on Monday 2 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be preceded by a talk by Hazel Roberts on 'Growing Food not Gluts', looking at ways to avoid growing more fruit and vegetables than you can cope with and ingenious ways to use, preserve and store your harvest. Visitors are welcome.

The Spring Show (including a plant sale) will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 4 April. A schedule of classes and an entry form will be included in the March edition of the Cumnor Parish News and on the Club's website – see below - titles for the photography classes will be 'The Garden in Winter', 'People enjoying themselves', 'The Streets of Oxford', 'Spring flowers', 'Places of worship'; and 'Green'. Entries are welcome from everyone, whether or not they are members.

There will be a self drive visit to Sue Burge's garden at Horton-Cum-Studley on Wednesday 15 April. This half acre wildlife friendly garden includes a drought resistant gravel bed, rock bed. ferns, hot border, potager, alpine troughs a boggy area and a small pond. Numbers limited to 25.

On Thursday 7 May 2020 there will be an all day visit by coach to Farley Hill Place and West Green House. Farley Hill is an 18<sup>th</sup> century cottage garden set in 4 acres with a 1.5 acre walled garden. West Green's 18<sup>th</sup> century walls contain lavish herbaceous borders, a potager and parterres.

The speaker at the Spring Social in the Village Hall on Monday 11 May at 7.30pm will be Chris Day from Buckingham Garden Centre and Nursery. A broadcaster, journalist and author Chris is a hands on gardener with a passion for plants. He will talk on 'Year round container gardening' with demo and plants. Visitors are welcome.

The Club has organised a 5 day tour of Gardens in South Wales between the 15 and 19 June. Tony Russell will be our guide again. Currently the tour is fully booked.

There will be an afternoon tour of Worcester College Gardens on Friday 10 July. The 26 acres of gardens are a haven of peace and tranquility in the middle of busy Oxford and include a large lake, lawns, rose garden and herbaceous border. Numbers limited to 20.

The Autumn Show (including a produce sale) will be on Saturday 5 September in the Village Hall. A schedule of classes and an entry form will be included in the Cumnor Parish News and on the Club's website – see below. Entries are welcome from everyone, whether or not they are members.

There will be an all day coach visit to the Courts Garden and Iford Manor on Thursday 17 September. Both gardens are near Bradford on Avon. The Courts Garden has yew hedges dividing the garden into compartments with colour themed borders, topiary, a water garden, kitchen garden and some 3.5 acres of arboretum. Iford Manor was the home of architect and designer Harold Peto whose Italianate garden includes steps, terraces, sculpture and rural views.

The Autumn Social will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 5 October at 7.30pm. The speaker will be John Gibson on 'Maderia, Garden of the Atlantic'. John is an RHS speaker and judge.

The Winter Social will be on Monday 25 January 2021. The speaker will be Darren Webster on 'Thenford House Gardens' where he is Head Gardener. The 70 acres of magnificent gardens and renowned arboretum have been created by Lord and Lady Heseltine over the past 40 plus years.

Details of the programme and other information about the Club can be found on the Club's website at [www.cumnorgardens.org.uk](http://www.cumnorgardens.org.uk)

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