



KIMBLE & ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Programme of Events: 2025

FEBRUARY

Hostas 8 00 pm Tuesday 4th
Andrew Mikolajski, writer, speaker and RHS judge returns to talk to us about hostas and advises on how to choose amongst the many fabulous varieties. He also covers the history of hostas in gardens, how to grow them (including slug control), propagation and growing in containers.

MARCH

AGM 7 15 pm Tuesday 4th
Colour in a Small Garden 8 00 pm
Timothy Walker's talk was inspired by the Oxford Botanic Garden's Gold Medal winning exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show. It explains some of the theory employed by artists and gardeners to achieve a variety of effects. The theory is supported by examples of specific colour combinations from his wife's garden of 1/5 acre and the new much smaller garden.

APRIL

Growing Food Not Gluts 8 00 pm Tuesday 1st
Hazel Roberts from Jam MK will be looking at how gluts can be avoided during the planning and planting process of a kitchen garden and exploring ways to use what you have grown to avoid waste. She will bring along some of her homemade jams and chutneys and mini recipe books.

SPRING SHOW - Stewart Hall 2 00 – 4 30 pm Sunday 6th

MAY

New Naturalistic Planting 8 00 pm Tuesday 6th
Amber Hine, who trained in garden design at Capel Manor College, returns to look at the rising popularity of looking to nature to design our natural spaces. She'll be using examples from contemporary garden and landscape gardeners and looking at the wonders of perennials, meadows and woodland edges.

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

JUNE

How to Propagate, Plant and Grow Peonies 8 00 pm Tuesday 3rd
Alec White, owner of Primrose Hall Peonies, grows herbaceous, intersectional, tree and patio peonies and is a gold medal winner at Chelsea. This talk is an introduction to the origins and history of peonies, propagation techniques and breeding, choosing the perfect peony and how to care for it.

Members Garden Visit

6 00 – 7 30 pm Tuesday 10th

Visit to Professor Sandy Primrose's garden in High Wycombe which contains many interesting and specialist plants. We will have a guided tour and refreshments.

JULY**Members Garden Visit**

6 00 – 7 30 pm Tuesday 1st

Meadow Cottage at Christmas Common, Watlington, has a 1¼ acre garden which adjoins ancient woodlands and includes a wildflower garden, pond, many shrubs, fruit trees and a professionally designed vegetable garden. The visit includes home-made cakes and tea.

SEPTEMBER**Bulbs in Borders**

8 00 pm Tuesday 2nd

Kerrie Lloyd-Dawson is a garden writer, plantaholic and Plant Heritage Plant Guardian whose garden is open to NGS. She will discuss her recommendations for how to add an extra layer of planting with bulbs and corms that remain in the border year after year.

AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall

2 00 – 4 30 pm Sunday 7th

OCTOBER**Growing Perennials and Woody Plants for Cutting**

8 00 pm Tuesday 7th

Rachel Seigfried, flower farmer and florist, will talk about why she grows predominantly perennials and woody plants for cut foliage and flowers. She will highlight her favourites through the seasons, many of which are well known garden plants, and offer some tips and cultivation for cut flower use and how to arrange them in the home. She will also bring some dahlias, her own seeds and her book.

NOVEMBER**To Be Confirmed**

8 00 pm Tuesday 4th

DECEMBER**Macaronesia: The "Galapagos of Botany" Plus Christmas Social**

8 00 pm Tuesday 2nd

The Azores, Madeira, Cape Verde and Canary Islands have an exceptionally large number of native plants. Professor Sandy Primrose will explain why this is.

Our Christmas social includes festive refreshments, quiz and a raffle.

Meetings are held at Stewart Hall, Little Kimble at 8.00 pm every 1st Tuesday of the month (except January and August). Although we pride ourselves on our expert speakers, all talks are very informal and are followed by refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors are always welcome - do come and try one of our meetings. If you decide you would like to join please make yourself known to any Committee member or contact Liz O'Donnell, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com. Please see our website for further information



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