

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society
Your friendly Garden Club

Despite dire warnings of heavy snow and blizzards, our speaker, Andrew Tolman, travelled all the way from Malmesbury on 8 March to deliver his talk on "The Art of Topiary and Ornamental Hedges". We were treated to some wonderfully inspiring photographs of topiary and decorative hedging from all over the country, the art of sculpting shrubs and trees into decorative shapes having been introduced by the Romans. Our questions about box blight and the right time to trim our wayward shrubbery were patiently answered and Andrew's passion for the art was so infectious that there is likely to be a proliferation of pincushion box bushes in our members' gardens this year! Altogether this was a thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Also undeterred by the inclement weather, Lu Webb ventured forth to rescue primroses from the snow to win this month's competition prize!

Why not join us at the Baptist Church Hall on at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12 April when we will be having our ever-popular plant and seed swap evening, with a Gardeners' Question Time session and a horticultural quiz, followed by tea and biscuits? The competition is a Single Daffodil.

With a modest annual membership fee of £15 or £3 per visit, new members and visitors are always most welcome! Please contact me (details below) if you would like a copy of this year's programme.

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