

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society - 2023 Programme

Wednesday 11 January – 7.30 pm – “The Art of Pruning Fruit Trees”

Fruit trees are Hannah Branch’s passion and, having completed courses on renovation pruning at Brighton Permaculture Trust and on espaliers, fans, cordons and fruit bushes in Dorset, will be giving a talk on the art of pruning all types of fruit trees and bushes.

Competition: *Winter flowering shrubs*

Wednesday 8 February – 7.30 pm – “Growing for Showing”

Philip Aubury’s horticultural career began as a student at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, followed by studies at Pershore College, managing a Midlands retail nursery, lecturing at Birmingham City Parks Department, obtaining the RHS Master of Horticulture diploma and retiring as a Director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens in 2007.

Competition: *Snowdrops*

Wednesday 8 March – 7.30 pm - “Art of Topiary and Ornamental Hedges”

Based in the West Country, Andrew Tolman works between the Cotswolds and Cornwall bringing with him 30 years of practical experience in the world of gardening. He has just completed over 10 years of service as Senior Gardener at Highgrove.

Competition: *Display of primroses or polyanthus*

Wednesday 12 April – 7.30 pm – Plant swap

Our ever-popular plant and seed swap evening! A chance to declutter the flower beds or greenhouse - although you may take home more than you brought!

Competition: *Single daffodil*

Wednesday 10 May – 7.30 pm – “Three West Country Gardens”

Based near Evesham, Adrian James has a lifelong interest in garden style and history and is a regular speaker to groups throughout Worcestershire and the surrounding counties. He also supplies horticultural images on a freelance basis.

Competition: *Vase of tulips*

Wednesday 14 June – Afternoon outing

A visit to Pettifers near Banbury, entry tickets at £10 per person include an introductory talk, accompanied walk around the garden, and tea and biscuits.

Competition: *A buttonhole*

Wednesday 12 July – 7.30 pm – Tales from the Potting Shed – Where gardening magic begins”

Cotswold-based Nicola Hope is a self-employed consultant organic horticulturalist, garden designer, writer and speaker, and an RHS Master of Horticulture.

Competition: *Roses*

Wednesday 9 August – 2.30 to 5.30 pm – Members Only Garden Party

This year the party is being held at Chris King’s garden in Clapton Row.

Competition: *Decorated hat*

Saturday 9 September – 132nd Annual Garden Show

Held at the Royal British Legion hall with sections on vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging and photography.

Wednesday 11 October- 7.30 pm – “15 years in China – A Journey of Landscape and Learning”

A director for the Shanghai studio of ACLA from 2002, Jonathan King returned to the UK in 2018 and set up his own landscape and garden design practice in Cheltenham.

Competition; *Display of autumn daisies (rudbeckia, asters)*

Wednesday 8 November – 7.30 pm – “Mistletoe: Fact, Myth and Legend”

Dr Michael Jones is an enthusiastic botanist with a particular interest in parasitic plants. Until recently he was Head of Science at Newman University, Birmingham and has taught in both the UK and Africa.

Competition: *Seed head arrangement*

Wednesday 13 December – 7.30 pm – “Preserving the harvest – Far Beyond Jams and Chutneys”

Definitely “The Good Life” in action, Kevin Alviti of An English Homestead is knowledgeable about all types of preserving.

Competition: *Christmas arrangement with candle and evergreens*