

WOTTON GARDENING CLUB - 2025 PROGRAMME

Jan	6	AGM: <i>Reports, Election of Committee, American Supper, Show and garden photos in PowerPoint, quiz</i>
Feb	3	GILL HAZELL - SWEET PEAS AND GLADIOLI: <i>Gill has been a keen gardener from a young age. She now has an allotment and her own garden, and grows vegetables and flowers</i>
Mar	3	SUE GIBSON - PRUNING: <i>Sue comes from Charfield and is a very experienced gardener. She is interested in all aspects of gardening, but will talk about pruning. Bring any questions about this subject to the meeting, and even a plant or 2, but not too big!</i>
Apr	5	SPRING SHOW & PLANT SALE – to be held in the Town Hall (entries Saturday 4 April from 8.00 am to 9.00 am). Open to the public 11.00 am.
Apr	7	JULIE DOLPHIN - A HORTICULTURAL JOURNEY TO PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDENS, VIA GARDENERS WORLD. <i>The title speaks for itself. Julie used to run the nursery at Miserden until the contract expired. Gardeners World fits in somewhere, but she now runs an amazing plant centre at the Rococo gardens.</i>
May	5	HELEN MUGRIDGE - GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE: <i>An illustrated talk on gardening for wildlife</i>
June		GARDEN VISIT:
July		GARDEN VISIT:
Sept	1	MARIAN STAINTON - THE WINTER GARDEN: <i>Marion has been to speak at our club before, and this time will talk about The Winter Garden, wonders and works. Not completely sure what that implies, but it will be enjoyable.</i>
Sep	6	AUTUMN SHOW & PLANT SALE – to be held in the Town Hall (entries Saturday 06 Sept from 8.00 am to 9.00 am). Open to the public 11.00 am.
Oct	6	PAUL GREEN - PLANTS OF THE SEASON: <i>Paul runs a specialist nursery at Newent and will give a hands on talk, and will bring plants to sell.</i>
Nov	3	MARTIN CLARKE - HUNDRED ACER WOOD: <i>This wood is a special place to Martin, and we look forward to hearing all about it.</i>
Dec		CHRISTMAS DINNER

All indoor meetings begin at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church Hall in Rope Walk

SHOWS – the last time for entries on the Show days is 9.00 am. The judging starts strictly at 9.30 am and this allows 30 minutes for entrants to organise their exhibits before judging commences.

WOTTON GARDENING CLUB GENERAL INFORMATION

Our aim is to learn, encourage, and share good gardening practice and to promote knowledge of related topics. We share a passion for nature and beauty, lovely gardens, and growing all types of flowers, shrubs and trees, and vegetables.

There has been a gardening club in Wotton under Edge for over 100 years. Previously known as the Wotton Horticultural Society, we changed our name in 2005 to provide a more user-friendly image.

We meet on the first Monday of each month (except August). A varied programme is organised using the best speakers available and visits are arranged in June and July to local gardens, nurseries, and places of special interest. Whilst the talks are mostly garden related, we have occasional talks on some of the most beautiful parts of the world. We also hold a Spring Show and Plant Sale and an Autumn Show and Plant Sale each year.

We keep membership fees as low as possible (£20 for 2025 including tea and coffee at our indoor meetings) and visitors are especially welcome (normally £4 for indoor meetings).

At our indoor meetings, there is a table top competition; members may enter pot plants, cut flowers, garden produce and the like which they have grown or nurtured themselves. We have a raffle with prizes donated by members and plant sales from time to time.

Enquires may be addressed to any of the committee members (see below). Also, members and interested parties can be kept up to date by email. The contact email address is suehunt2@btinternet.com

COMMITTEE FOR 2025

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President: Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall (as from 1st January 2017)