

South West Shropshire Gardening Club

February 22 Newsletter



Well, February is crawling along, and bringing some unpleasant storms with it. I'm writing this as Storm Eunice is blowing about outside, but so far - here at least - it's not nearly as bad as I was expecting. I hope you are all keeping safe, and looking forward to some sunny spring days. I have to say that the snowdrops are absolutely spectacular at the moment, and the daffodils are already preparing to take over. It really is a wonderful time of the year, plant wise.

23rd February Meeting

This month's meeting will be of particular interest to anyone planning on coming on our August 24th trip to the Dorothy Clive Garden. It will be very exciting to see what the garden might have in store for us!

Our speaker for March will be Michael Marriot talking about The Wonderful World of Roses.



Seasonal Changes

A Talk by Kathryn Robey, The Dorothy Clive Gardens

Wednesday 23rd February, 7.30 pm

Lydbury North Village Hall

FREE TO MEMBERS (annual membership £15), GUESTS WELCOME: £5

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or visit www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

We are a friendly club of like-minded garden enthusiasts. We meet at Lydbury North Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month: interesting speakers, forums, advice, outings, seed offers, annual show, plant sales. We are also affiliated to the RHS. Come & join us!

Nature Recovery with Wildlife Gardening Club

A new gardening club is setting its sights on nature recovery and is inviting anyone interested in wildlife gardening to come and join in. The Nature Gardens Club offers the chance to meet up with fellow wildlife gardening enthusiasts for garden open days in real Shropshire gardens. Expect everything, from aspirational wildlife havens packed with ideas and inspiration, to every-day family gardens, looking for club assistance to help attract more wildlife visitors.

Typical garden open days may include garden tours, an opportunity to share or learn new skills in garden work parties, garden planning sessions to help beginner wildlife gardeners decide on future directions, plant and seed swaps, citizen science wildlife spotting events and lots more.

Club host Nancy Lowe of the Natural Gardener explains "This is a club for beginners and experienced gardeners alike, giving us a format where we can help each other out in creating a patchwork of high quality wildlife gardens across the county. Visit the Natural Gardener website to find out more and to sign up!"

More information can be found at:

www.thenaturalgardener.org.uk/ngclub-info



Plant Hunters' Fairs 2022

For any of you interested in Plant Hunters' Fairs, a list of dates and venues are available at www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk. These offer a wonderful day out for anyone wanting to access some of the more unusual plants, and entry to the various venues are often much cheaper than standard entry rate, so it's well worth a look!

Free Shrubs!

I'll be bringing along a few small shrubs, mainly evergreens and a few dwarf azaleas, free to whoever wants them. First come, first served! They're just bare root in trays, so if you think you might like one, bring a carrier bag to take it home in.

That's it for this month, I hope we see lots of you at the meeting, and that we can all start enjoying some sunny weather very soon!