

**The Donheads Gardening Club**

**2017 CALENDAR**

- January 9th** Mike Burks - Propagation
- February 13th** Lois Philipps - Down to Earth
- March 13th** AGM & talk from DGC member Rosie Catherwood
- April 10th** Chris Ireland Jones from Avon Bulbs - Bulbs through the Seasons
- May 8th** Discount Evening + Talk - Castle Gardens, Sherborne
- June 13th** Garden Visit - Stavordale Priory, 2.30pm (NB Tuesday)
- July 6th** Garden Visit - Dilly Hobson, Harvard Farm, Nr. Yeovil - 2.30pm (NB Thursday)
- July 20th** Garden Visit - Carolyn Pawson, Cottage Row, Tarrant Gunville, 2.30pm (NB Thursday)
- August** HOLIDAY TIME
- September 11th** Katherine Crouch - New Tricks for Old Gardeners
- October 9th** Val Bourne - The Living Jigsaw Explained
- November 13th** Nigel Hewish from Kingston Maurward - Penstemons & Salvias
- December 11th** Christmas Get-Together

Some of these events may be subject to change  
check the club's website for updates



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Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held at Donhead St Mary Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and guests are always welcome (for whom a fee of £2.50 is requested). Refreshments available from 7.00pm (a donation of 50p is suggested)

It is rare that I welcome an opportunity to be inside during the summer months, but I am currently enjoying a little respite from the garden as I write this during the phenomenal heat wave of late June, with local temperatures reaching thirty degrees on a daily basis! It seems to be the grand finale to a peculiar pattern of weather this spring and early summer. April was entirely without its notorious showers in any shape or form, and June produced the sort of tempestuous weather more likely to be experienced in March. Never was the efficiency (or otherwise) of our staking efforts in the garden more rigorously put to the test! However, as always nature has prevailed and we are now enjoying the glory of the English garden in full bloom, and this beautiful weather timed perfectly with the long evenings affords us a very welcome opportunity to enjoy all that our gardens have to offer at this wonderful time of year.

During July, members will have the opportunity to visit two Dorset gardens. The first is Dilly Hobson's garden at Harvard Farm, Halstock on Thursday 6th July at 2.30pm. This is where Jake Hobson cut his eye teeth on topiary a few years ago now and Jake hopes to be present for our visit. The second garden visit is on Thursday 20th July at Cottage Row, Tarrant Gunville at 2.30pm. This is a garden that is in the Yellow Book and is definitely worth a visit. Carolyn Pawson is an expert on unusual plants and it is a very sophisticated cottage garden. There are many interesting features so it will be a splendid afternoon.

August is our annual Summer Holiday so there are no Meetings this month and we can visit gardens and relax and enjoy our own.

September sees the first of the Autumn/Winter Talks in Donhead St Mary Village Hall. This will be on Monday 11th September and the Talk will be given by Katherine Crouch. Katherine has an unusual and different method of giving Garden Talks and it will be a very amusing, interesting and noisy evening I promise you. October is a particularly special Meeting as Val Bourne will be coming to give us a Talk centred on her latest Book. More on that soon.

Membership - Since our last newsletter we have had to say goodbye to quite a few members for many various reasons. We would like to give a cheery goodbye and thank you to John & Rosalie Bell. Who having been two of our first members to enrol, have decided that retirement is now the way forward. We also want to thank John for all his work and dedication as Treasurer of the Gardening Club for many years.

We would also like to take this opportunity to give a warm welcome to new member David Curless, we look forward to seeing you at our future meetings. Our membership now stands at 77 which is quite a fall in numbers. So if you are aware of any friends or neighbours who would like to join us to learn more about the many aspects of gardening please encourage them to contact us.

Any members who have still not paid their membership fee for 2017, please contact Roger Giles as soon as possible with your subscription, many thanks. Roger's details are telephone: 01747 828663 or email: roger.giles987@btinternet.com

If you have any particular subject that you would like the Gardening Club to feature in future talks and meetings, or even a garden you would like to visit, then please mention it to any of the Club's Committee.

*Please check our website for details of all our forthcoming club meetings and events.*

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