

The Donheads Gardening Club
2018 CALENDAR

- January 8th** Brigit Strawbridge - Solitary Bees
- February 12th** Matthew Reese - Creating an English Garden
- March 12th** AGM & talk from James Cross
Bishop's Palace Gardens, Wells Cathedral
- April 9th** Rosy Hardy - Seasonal Spring Herbaceous Perennials
- May 14th** Discount Evening + Talk - Castle Gardens, Sherborne
- June 5th (Tues)** Garden Visit - Ryewater (Clive Farrell)
- June 28th (Thurs)** The Bishop's Palace - Wells
- July 23rd** Garden Visit - Melcombe Bingham (Pip Eastment)
- August** HOLIDAY TIME
- September 10th** Castle Gardens Talk - Gardening for Climate Change
- October 8th** Emily Utgren - Remarkable Trees at Stourhead
- November 12th** Derry Watkins - Late Summer Colour
- December 10th** 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 £5.00 is requested). Refreshments available from 7.00pm (a donation of 50p is suggested).

Welcome to June and hello Summer!

Our gardens have been a riot of colour over the last few weeks as the sun has made a lasting appearance. The ground has been warming up and we have experienced for what I think is the best display of colour this Spring has seen for a long time. Tulips have mixed with Euphorbias, Heucheras and then burst with Alliums. Apple blossom has exploded with Horse Chestnut, Hawthorn and Lilacs and Rhododendrons.

Yellow is this season's colour of the moment, for all of those who have been watching RHS Chelsea the golden performers have been out in spectacular fashion. Yellow and orange help lift a scene by bringing a little sunshine to your garden and instantly bring you happiness.

For a sunny selection enhancing display add some **Cosmos bipinnatus 'Sonata White'**, with **Zinnia marylandica 'Zahara Yellow'**, **Lantana camara 'Lucky Pure Gold'**, **Bidens aurea** and some **Helichrysum 'Silver Mist'**. The yellow will enhance the warmth of your terracotta and the range will give you depth and texture to your pot.

Member Update - Since our last newsletter the club has welcomed Fiona Russel who joined us in April.

A gentle reminder to those who have not yet renewed their membership that was due in March. For the great value price of £15 we can offer you unrivalled gardening talks and garden visits, discounts from our selected partners and the best local club to catch up and share discussions with friends.

Cheques should be made payable to: Donheads Gardening Club and sent to Roger Giles at: Carpenters, Britmore Lane, Donhead St. Mary, Shaftesbury, SP7 9DG. If you no longer wish to be a member of this fantastic club, please drop a line to or telephone Roger on (01747) 828663

4 Villages Spring Fete - Penny Short, Christine and Roger Giles would like to say a very big thank you to all the club members who contributed plants to the plant stall for the Fete on Sunday 20th May. The stall raised about £600

Garden Visits - 3 great visits for June & July

Several you have already put your names down and paid. If anyone else would like to come, they are most welcome.

Please can you let Louis or Juliet know and pay the £5.00 fee on the day. It would be good for members to "car share" where possible. Please contact Louis on (01747) 828301 or email: parkerlouisatqm@aol.com or Julietnewtony@btinternet.com for further information and directions.

Tuesday 5th June at 2.30pm - Ryewater Nursery. Postcode is DT9 5PL (Opp. Ryewater Farm)

A visit has been arranged to Clive Farrell's wildlife haven on the outskirts of Sherborne. As it is a private family estate we will be shown around as a group therefore please ensure you arrive within plenty of time. We will be shown around the gardens and butterfly houses and then onto the wider landscape wildlife habits

Thursday 28th June at 1.30pm - The Bishops Palace, Wells. Postcode for Whiting Way Long Stay Car Park is BA5 2PD

Home to the Bishops of Bath and Wells for over 800 years, this stunning Medieval Palace has 14 acres of stunning and tranquil gardens for you to enjoy. Our tour starts at 2pm by the Palace shop and café. Refreshments are available, and your ticket includes both a 10% discount in the café and shop. If you would like to come early to make a day of it and have lunch then a number of members are meeting at 11.30am.

Please note that parking is a 10 min walk away from Whiting Way Long Stay Car Park, near to Waitrose.

Monday 23rd July at 2.00pm - Cross Lanes Melcombe Bingham - Postcode DT2 7NZ

A visit has been arranged to the beautiful & delightful garden of Pippa Eastment at Cross Lanes Bungalow, Melcombe Bingham, DT2 7NZ. The next hamlet along the road after 'The Fox Inn' at Ansty near Dorchester. There will be tea and cake on offer.

There is **no meeting in August** as it is holiday time, so our next meeting at Donhead St. Mary Village Hall will be on **Monday 10th September** for a gardening talk on Climate Change by our friends from Castle Gardens. A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

If there is a garden that we must visit, or a speaker that we need to hear. Then Juliet and Louis would be pleased to hear your suggestions and recommendations.

Competition Time, Seed Swap & Help Required

We are planning to supply in the Autumn some daffodil bulbs for you to grow at home in pots and for you to bring them back in the Spring to judge which is the best flower. More details will be announced in our September meeting.

We would also like to ask our members to collect various seeds from your gardens. Perennials or Annuals, snip off the seed heads and save them in a paper envelope, clearly labelled. We are planning to hold a "seed swap" at our AGM in March 2019.

The Gardening club has a page bi-monthly in the Donhead Digest where a member contributes a gardening article. We need more authors please and would love to hear from you if you would like to help. Please contact Kevin Wood on 07815813629 for more information.

Wishing you a beautiful Summer.

Please check our website for details of all our forthcoming club meetings and events. www.donheadsgardeningclub.co.uk

Contributions from Juliet Rogers, Louis Parker and Kevin Wood.