

## 2026 Calendar Explained

### 9 February

Following the AGM we have two short talks. Tony Davis from A Blackbird Sang will be talking to us about the Stonesfield based company he and Genny have set up, and what it's like to exhibit at Chelsea. Followed by Dr Lauren Baker from Oxford Botanical Gardens talking about one of their research projects.

### 9 March

#### **Kathy Slack – Grow Yourself Happy**

Following the publication in 2025 of her book *Rough Patch*, A Memoir with Recipes, Kathy talks about gardening and mental health.

### 25 April

#### **Plant Sale**

This will take place, as last year, in the pub garden. We have changed the timings so that Craig can open the pub for coffee and cake from 9.30.

We need members to divide their perennials, take cuttings and sow seeds!

### 11 May

#### **Kate Burtonwood: Head Gardener at Trinity College**

Sustainable Gardening – Kate believes that we need to think about caring for plants and helping them to thrive sustainably and environmentally.

### 28 June

#### **Open Gardens**

A time for everyone to come together, either opening their garden (the easy bit!), selling tickets, serving teas, making scones – you name it, we can ask you to do it!

### 13 July

#### **Visit to Chippy Flower Farm**

This will be an evening visit (6pm) to the flower farm at Chipping Norton – a wander round with the owner and a glass of fizz afterwards!

### 14 September

#### **Andrew Wood – wine tasting**

Andrew will be back with another interesting selection of wines for us to taste. As before, we will be taking bookings for this evening as it proved very popular last time, and there will be a small charge for members.

### 12 October

#### **Dan Betterton – Organic Vegetable Growing**

Villager Dan heads up the team at the Kitchen Garden People at FarmEd, and will be coming to talk to us about the principles of organic vegetable growing and hopefully giving us some tips from his experience.

### 9 November

#### **Chris Day – Reinventing the Garden Border**

I think if I knew what he was going to talk about, we wouldn't need the talk! Your guess is as good as mine, come along and we'll find out together.

### 14 December

Our usual pre-Christmas get together with wine, nibbles and a quiz