



KIMBLE & ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Programme of Events: 2026

FEBRUARY

Around Italy in Twenty Vegetables

8 00 pm

Tuesday 3rd

We welcome back Paolo Arrigo from Franchi Seeds which is the oldest family run seed company in the world and which specialises in heritage and regional varieties. He will go round the twenty very varied regions of Italy explaining how to grow, plant and also how to eat the vegetables.

MARCH

AGM

7 15 pm

Tuesday 3rd

Euphorbias - Probably the Best Garden Plants in the World

8 00 pm

Timothy Walker, former director of Oxford University Botanic Gardens, will explain some of the natural history of euphorbias and their botany, describe some of the most desirable species and cultivars and suggest some planting associations.

APRIL

Roses

8 00 pm

Tuesday 7th

Kerry French has great experience of all aspects of growing roses and currently coordinates the Rochfords International Rose Trial, having previously worked at The Royal National Rose Society and RHS Wisley. Her talk covers the selection, planting, pruning, feeding and aftercare of roses.

SPRING SHOW - Stewart Hall

2 00 – 4 30 pm

Sunday 12th

Come and enjoy some beautiful displays of Spring flowers and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.

MAY

Clematis and Other Climbers

8 00 pm

Tuesday 5th

George Lockwood, an organic gardener who trained at Capel Manor College, returns to talk about climbers including the different clematis groups and how to plant, prune and look after them and also how these plants attract various insects which benefit the garden.

PLANT SALE – Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross

10 00 – 11 30 am

Saturday 9th

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early - everything will be sold by about 11 00 am on past form.

JUNE

Garden Design

8 00 pm

Tuesday 2nd

Amber Hine, who trained at Capel Manor College and now runs Hine Garden Design, returns with a talk that covers some garden design history/context, site analysis, garden styles, design approaches, a look at good and not so good design experiences and reviews a couple of projects.

JULY

Evening Garden Visit – The Old Rectory, Albury, Thame 6 00 – 7 30 pm Tuesday 7th
Please see our website for more information.

AUGUST

Evening Garden Visit – Member's Garden Near Terrick 6 00 – 7 30 pm Tuesday 11th
Please see our website for more information.

SEPTEMBER

Dahlias 8 00 pm Tuesday 1st
Carolyn Ormesher of Missenden Seeds is passionate about flowers which are good for cutting and pollinators, including dahlias. She will talk about the history of dahlias, why you should grow them, different types, how to grow and propagate them, dahlia breeding and top tips for beautiful dahlias.

AUTUMN SHOW – Stewart Hall 2 00 – 4 30 pm Sunday 6th
Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes.

OCTOBER

Planting Pots for Winter Interest and Spring Joy 8 00 pm Tuesday 6th
Harriet Rycroft was the Head Gardener at Whichford Pottery for many years and created some spectacular displays. Her talk starts with slides followed by a practical planting demonstration to discuss the nitty-gritty of creating and maintaining such displays.

NOVEMBER

Hellebores 8 00 pm Tuesday 3rd
Andrew Mikolajski, writer, speaker and RHS judge calls these the stars of the winter garden with a vast number of beautiful varieties to enjoy. He will discuss their history and origins, which are the best for growing in gardens and why they are still so expensive.

DECEMBER

Talk on the Chilterns Wildlife Plus Christmas Social 8 00 pm Tuesday 1st
Jon Mason is a local speaker on natural history and the environment. He will look at the diversity of habitats in the Chilterns, some of the best places to go and discuss his own experiences. Our Christmas social includes festive refreshments, quiz and a raffle.

Meetings are held at Stewart Hall, Little Kimble at 8.00 pm every 1st Tuesday of the month (except January and August). Although we pride ourselves on our expert speakers, all talks are very informal and are followed by refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors are always welcome - do come and try one of our meetings. If you decide you would like to join please make yourself known to any Committee member or contact Liz O'Donnell, Membership Secretary, at kehs.bucks@outlook.com for more information.

