

Hardy Plants Society – Southern Counties Group - Full Programme 2023 - 2024

<p>Saturday 21st October (10.00 for 10.45 am)</p>	<p>Talk - Kevin Tooher will speak on 'Euphorbias for Home and Garden'. Kevin is a regular guest expert on Radio Kent Sunday Gardening. He currently teaches RHS theory and practical at Coolings Nursery, Hever and Walmer Castles. Kevin is also an RHS trial judge and was a judge on the Euphorbia trial. Plant sale</p>
<p>Saturday 18 November (10.00 for 10.45 am)</p>	<p>Talk - Steve Edney will speak on 'Drought Tolerant Plants'. Steve was Head Gardener at The Salutation in Kent for 17 years and he and his partner, Lou, won a gold medal at Chelsea and Best in Show at Hampton Court. They have now established and run No Name Nursery, also in Kent.</p> <p>This event is free to members and is followed by the Members' Festive Lunch. <u>Attendance at the talk and the lunch must be booked</u> in advance. Please contact Jenny as soon as possible at jennydwyer@hotmail.com or call her on 01372 454231 to confirm your place at either the lecture only <u>or</u> lecture plus lunch. If staying for lunch please advise whether you are bringing a sweet or savoury contribution to the buffet lunch.</p>
<p>2024</p>	
<p>Saturday 13 January (10.00 for 10.45 am)</p>	<p>Talk - Simon Horrill will speak on 'Springing into Another Year'. Ideas and musing on where gardens may be moving in the coming year. Simon is a former member of the Royal Ballet and has appeared in several productions in the West End. He recently took a change of path and trained in garden design. Plant sale.</p>
<p>Saturday 17 February (10.00 for 10.45 am)</p>	<p>Talk - Jackie Currie will speak on 'Ornamental Alliums and How to Grow Them Successfully'. Jackie holds the National Collection of Alliums, and is a true allium expert. Plant sale.</p>
<p>Saturday 16 March (10.00 for 10.45 am)</p>	<p>AGM followed by Talk - Mark Saunders will speak on 'Super Seasonal Displays'. Mark is Head Gardener at Fittleworth House near Pulborough. This talk covers displays through the seasons from large flower beds to small pots and looks at creating colour and interest throughout the year. Plant sale.</p>
<p>Saturday 20 April (10.00 for 10.45 am)</p>	<p>Talk - Peter Smith will speak on 'Protecting our Pollinators'. Peter is a beekeeper, amateur entomologist and writer. His talk looks at the causes of the huge decline in insect numbers over the past few years, what is being done to help and what we as individuals can also do. Plant and seedling sale.</p>