

Hardy Plant Society – Southern Counties Group - 2019 Programme

During the winter months (October to April, with the exception of December) we meet and enjoy illustrated talks from local and national gardening speakers at:

The Old Barn Hall,
55 Church Road,
Great Bookham
Leatherhead
Surrey
KT23 3PQ

The meetings are on Saturdays, and directions to the venue can be found under the 'About Us' section. The venue is accessible for those in wheelchairs and there is a loop system for the hard of hearing.

We usually* open the doors at 10.00am and free tea and coffee are served. At 10.15am there is a plant sale where you can buy good-quality home-grown plants at very competitive prices. In addition, there is a range of garden sundries, HPS booklets and second-hand gardening books to buy, and a raffle.

At about 10.45am, the Chairman will officially start the meeting and a guest speaker will talk for about 1 hour followed by a questions-and-answer session. The topic will relate to plants and gardens.

* **Please note** that this year's April meeting is in the afternoon and tea and coffee will be served after the talk.

Outline programme for 2019 – details of bulb sales will be added as they become available. Please note that Garden Visits are only open to members.

Saturday 12th January (10.00 for 10.45 am)	'Succession Planting' – Steven Edney. Plant sale.	
Saturday 16th February (10.00 for 10.45 am)	'Epimediums' - Sally Gregson. These are evergreen perennial ground cover plants with delicate yellow, pink or white flowers. This illustrated talk is based on Sally's book 'The Plant Lover's Guide to Epimediums' and covers the more widely grown species and forms. It also introduces gardeners to the beautiful new species from China, and the hybrids that have been developed over the past 10 years, and are still being bred. Plant sale.	
Saturday 16th March (10.00 for 10.30 am)	AGM followed by 'Plant Hunting in Manipur' - Paul Barney. This is based on his trip to north east India near the border with Burma. Plant sale.	
Saturday 13th April (2.00 for 2.30 pm)	'On The Wild Side - An Experiment in New Naturalism' - Keith Wiley. This is a style of gardening he has developed based on modifying landscapes from around the globe. Plant and seedling sale.	

Tuesday 14th May	All-day gardens visit to Kent	members only
Thursday 6th June	All-day coach trip to Essex garden	members only
Wednesday 19th June	Garden visit to Surrey	members only
Saturday 6th - Monday 8th July	Three-day coach trip to Wiltshire and Somerset gardens	members only
Wednesday 24th July	All-day gardens visit to Berkshire	members only
Thursday 15th August	All-day garden visit to Sussex	members only
Wednesday 4 th September	Afternoon tea in a member's garden	members only
Saturday 26th October (10.00 for 10.45 am)	'Making the Most of What You Have' – Ben Pope. His talk will cover looking at effective horticultural practice, plant selection and clever design. Plant sale.	
Saturday 23rd November (10.00 for 10.45 am)	'My Thirty Best Plants' – Bob Brown. (followed by a members-only Christmas Party)	

The full 2019 programme of talks and garden visits is available in the 'Members Only' section of the website.