

STEEPLE ASTON GARDEN CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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The Garden Club started in Spring 2000. To celebrate our 10th birthday we would love to attract some new members. We do have great fun with outings and interesting speakers who come from all over the place. Do encourage friends to come and join us and see what they are missing. Membership is still a bargain at £10 per household per annum.

Bob Brown is returning in March which will be a wonderful evening – and we have fruit tree pruning in January which many of you have requested. We would like to go to Mottisfont in June but need to fill a coach so please tell us if you are interested.

Do not forget to take advantage of our discounts at Goundreys where there are fabulous composts and at Yarnton where can do all your Christmas shopping and get 10% off.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 15th December: Fun Quiz for the Ardley and Fewcott trophy – we have teams coming from several villages and the questions will not be too difficult. There will be a prize for the best individual score too. There will be a raffle and refreshments. 7.30pm Village Hall.

Tuesday 19th January: Fruit Tree Pruning with Andy Howard of the Heritage Fruit Company. There will be pot grown trees for sale. 7.45 for 8pm Village Hall

Tuesday 16th February: A social evening where we hope to be joined by the Allotment Society which we have called “Fun in the Kitchen Garden” – a light hearted look at vegetable growing. You will go away inspired to grow something even if you only have a flower pot! 7.45 for 8pm Village Hall.

Tuesday 16th March: Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers on “Plants grow in Dirt”. There will be fabulous plants for sale. 7.45 for 8pm Village Hall.

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Tuesday 20th April: Annual General Meeting 7.15pm followed by Sue Bedwell on “Friends and Foes” – 8pm Village Hall.

Wednesday 19th May: Evening visit to Blewbury Manor OX11 9QJ. 6pm – cost £6.00
Directions: A34 to Didcot exit, on to A4130 for Harwell then A417 towards Reading – Blewbury is the second village and the Manor House is down on the left.

Wednesday 9th June: Coach trip to Mottisfont Abbey – Depart Steeple Aston 9am. If you are interested please let Caroline know. Cost approx £20 – less for National Trust members.

Wednesday 21st July: Visit to The Old Rectory, Farnborough, nr Wantage, OX12 8NX. Cost £7.00 to include tea and home made cakes. 2.30pm. Parking by the church and the garden is across the road.

Directions: A34 to West Ilsley turn off (at bottom of hill before downs), through West Ilsley and Farnborough is the next village. **OR** go via Wantage and take B4494 and Farnborough is first left

Wednesday 18th August: Visit to Garden Organic Ryton. Details in next newsletter.

And finally, a plea from Caroline. Garden owners like to know how many to expect so please tell her if you are **not** coming.