



EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Chairperson: Gill Evans

The Club was formed in 1999 as the result of a chance conversation in the village shop. It now has around 60 members, most from within the parish, although it also attracts keen gardeners from across a wider area. Membership is active and club meetings are very well attended. New members are always welcome, as are people who may wish to come along occasionally.

The annual programme of events and talks covering a wide variety of topics, from vegetables to flowers, folklore, butterflies and bees, garden history. A growing competition takes place twice a year, once in spring with bulbs and once in the summer with a flowering plant – bulbs and plants are distributed at the autumn and spring meetings to members for growing on.

Visits are arranged during the year to places and gardens of interest. There is an annual three/four day garden club holiday, during which gardens and places of interest are visited.

Meetings are held in the East Coker Hall, Halves Lane, East Coker on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm. *The Propagator*, a free newsletter containing Club news, notes of gardening events, tips, etc is distributed via email and at each meeting. During the growing season there is a produce stall, stocked by members with plants and produce. Meetings are always informative, friendly, sociable evenings. You do not need to be an expert gardener to join us!

Meetings, trips and the annual holiday are all very well supported. We are always happy to welcome new members and visitors. We are a friendly lot – why not join us for an enjoyable, sociable evening? You do not need to be good at gardening; talks cover a wide variety of subjects.

2022 Programme

Jan 13	Derek Dexter	Overwintering your fuchsia
Feb 10	Julie Haylock Sandhurst Garden Designs	Planning a garden structure – including around evergreens <i>Will bring plants for sale</i>
Mar 10	Felicity Down Former owner of Cleeve Nursery	Climbing and wall shrubs
Apr 14	Sue Applegate Polden wines	Vineyard talk – seasonal management of vines to produce quality wines and reduce our carbon footprint. <i>Wine tasting and bringing bottles to buy</i>
May 12	Gill Hazell	Holland, its flowers and flower festivals
Jun 9	Hilary Little	Wild Flowers and Wallabies of Western Australia
Jul 14		tbc

Aug 11	Ben Candlin	UK subtropical Gardening <i>Bringing a small selection of plants</i>
Sept 8	Caroline Pakenham	Getting ready for winter with a demonstration of how to take cuttings <i>Bringing large variety of jams and preserves and her book – ‘Making Jellied preserves’</i>
Oct 13	Andrew Tolman	Off the beaten track – hidden gems
Nov 10 AGM	David Moon	The 5 main RHS gardens including RHS Bridgewater at Worsley set to music
Dec 8	Myra Cox	Christmas Cracker fun with flowers - demonstration <i>Bringing sundries and greeting cards for sale</i> <i>- will donate an arrangement for raffle</i>

Subscriptions: Annual £15, plus £1 per meeting. Visitors £3 per meeting.

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