



EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Chairperson: Kath Wilson

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. The programme for 2017 includes visits to Ugbrooke House (Chudleigh) with a stop at Trago Mills, and to the Taunton Flower Show. There is an annual three/four day garden club holiday, this year based at Eastbourne, 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 at each meeting. During the growing season there is a produce stall, stocked by members with plants and produce.

2017 Programme

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| 12 January | <i>Low Maintenance Gardening</i> | Gold Club |
| 9 February | <i>The Good, the Bad and the Ugly</i> | Michael Jordan, Fungus Conservation Trust |
| 9 March | <i>The Answer lies in the Soil</i> | David Usher |
| 13 April | <i>Trug making by a miserable Trugger</i> | Carl Sadler |
| 11 May | <i>Orchids in the home and Orchid Clinic</i> | Ian Parsons |
| 8 June | <i>Insectivorous Plants</i> | Roy Cheek |
| 13 July | <i>Members' Summer Event</i> | |
| 10 August | <i>Bonsai</i> | John Trott |
| 14 September | <i>Botanic Gardens from Arctic Circle to Tropics</i> | Mike Webber |
| 12 October | <i>Gardens of the rich and famous</i> | David Moon |
| 9 November | <i>Annual General Meeting</i> | |
| 14 December | <i>Christmas Party Quiz</i> | Mike Short |

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

Further information may be obtained from the hon treasurer, Stan Shayler (01935 420291) or the press secretary, Helen Styles (01935 862447)