



SYRESHAM GARDENING CLUB REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – May 2024

Syresham Gardening Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.30 in the afternoon in the Village Hall. We have a very varied programme of speakers and visits. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits and hold a raffle. Our annual subscription is just £20 and we are always delighted to welcome new members – even if you are not a dedicated gardener yourself there is always something to interest you and what is more it is always a good social afternoon.

During the last year we have visited Swallows Nursery in Mixbury where we were given a short talk and saw the new display gardens based on different themes (Classical, Mediterranean, Country, Prairie etc.) before being treated to refreshments. We also visited the delightful Primrose Garden in Steeple Aston, Canons Ashby Gardens and House, and are looking forward to a visit to Kathy Brown's Manor House Garden in Stevington, Bedfordshire next month. In August we will be paying a return visit to RHS Whisley – a fantastic garden in Surrey.

Our speakers have included Maria Ellis from Milton Keynes who came and told us how to create a 'Low Maintenance Garden' and Russell Attwood who gave a fascinating talk on 'Pumkins' with some amusing songs! Chris Bazeley paid us a return visit and told us all about 'A Day in the Life of Whistley Wood' (our own local wood), Wendy Wesley came and did Christmas floral decorations with us and we joined with Evenley Gardening Club for a delightful talk on gardening with pots. We also enjoyed prosecco and a quiz in the Pocket Park and last month watched a film showing of the classic 'Secret Garden' featuring Colin Firth and Julie Walters.

Our speaker this month will be Nigel Munsey who will tell us about his own gardening experiences in a talk entitled 'This Gardening Life'. Visitors are welcome to come along.

Our Annual General Meeting is held every January when we also have a fun quiz.

This year on June 8th we are also organising the village **OPEN GARDENS**, part of the Village Celebration Day. At least 9 gardens will be open to the public and there will be plant stalls in some of the gardens. Lunches and teas will be available at Home Close (Broad Street, Gill Swinford's house). The cost of entry is just £5 to include all the gardens. Tickets can be purchased from outside 31 High Street, or at any of the gardens that are open. Do come along and support this fund raising event for the Gardening Club if you can. It promises to be a great day!