

MEETINGS

TROG's aims include promoting organic methods but we recognise this is not always possible. So don't be put off joining just because you cannot be fully organic. Our talks cover a wide variety of gardening & environmental subjects. But the most valuable benefit is just being able to talk over organic ideas with fellow enthusiasts.

Date: Usually held on the 1st Thursday each month from **September to May** *

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Crosfield Hall Annex,
Broadwater Road, Romsey
(near Bus Station)

(*Visits to members gardens and others are arranged for the summer months)

Membership: Single £9 or Family £16

Visitors Welcome

There is a small charge of £2

Tea / Coffee & Biscuits

Served at all meetings

SALES TABLE

There is a sales table at all meetings to which members are invited to contribute their excess produce, craft items, unwanted gardening books etc.

Newsletter Deadlines:

1st August for September edition

1st December for January edition

1st April for May edition

Members are encouraged to contribute items

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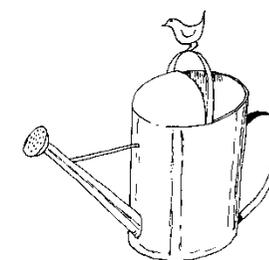
Programme

September

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May 2018




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September 7th 2017

MIGHTY GREENS

Speaker: Chris Bird, Sparsholt College



Based on Sparsholt College's subject for Chelsea 2017, looking at new cultivars of watercress, developed by University of Southampton, and Micro Salads, working with Vitacress, grown for nutrition and health benefits.

October 5th 2017

THE PERFECT STORM

Speaker: Alan Wilson



An exposition of the pressures on our food system and why gardening is crucial to our survival. Alan is technical manager for agronomy for Waitrose and was previously their vegetable buyer. He has written "The People's

Potatoes" to encourage us to all grow, eat and understand this much loved vegetable.

November 2nd 2017

GROWING ORGANIC SEED

Speaker: Pippa Rosen

Pippa set up a private herb nursery in the 1980's in Wiltshire and started a seed business in 2003 which has been granted organic certification status since 2003. Pippa would like to bring some seeds along to the meeting which members can purchase.



December 7th 2017

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Speaker: Ray Broughton

A light hearted talk which will contain many useful gardening hints and tips.

January 4th 2018

GOING FOR GOLD AT CHELSEA

Speaker: Ricky Dorlay

Ricky is a master plantsman and responsible for all the plant material for the Hillier exhibit at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Described by the *Telegraph* as 'Britain's most successful gardener'. In 2017 Ricky is aiming for his 52nd consecutive gold medal.



February 1st 2018

'FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD' THE CHALLENGE OF SUSTAINABLE EATING IN 2018 BRITAIN

Speaker: Andy Lester

Andy writes a regular column in the Romsey Advertiser entitled 'Naturally Opinionated'. His work is based in London as Conservation Director of Arocha, a charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world. Andy's work also involves understanding the environmental implications of such issues financial restraints, Brexit and climate change.

1st March 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The business (election of committee and officers, adoption of annual report, financial statement etc) will take about 30 minutes. This will be followed by light hearted activities and a finger buffet. Bring along something, organic if possible, to share.

April 5th 2018

INTRODUCTION TO BEES AND BEEKEEPING - THE GOOD THEY DO

Speaker: Andy Willis



Aimed at non-bee keepers Andy's talk will include advice on plants that we can grow that are beneficial to bees. Andy started bee keeping twenty five years ago when he was an estate gardener in Lincolnshire. He has given talks and lectures on the subject of beekeeping in many parts of the country and has been a successful exhibitor, at a national level, winning many medals and cups.

May 3rd 2018

GILBERT WHITE THE GARDENER

Speaker: David Standing



David has been Head Gardener at Gilbert White's House since 1979. A lifelong Gilbert White fan, on joining the staff at The Wakes, David embarked on a painstaking and ambitious project to discover the garden design that Gilbert White originally created. This involved studying journals, correspondence and a horticultural journal kept by White from 1751 to 1771. David will bring plants for demonstration purpose and to sell.