



Autumn-Winter Programme 2021 - 2022

Welcome back everyone!

All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month and take place at Denton Village Hall at 7.30pm except our December meeting which has moved a little earlier in the month to avoid the Christmas rush.

October 19th The story of Clinks Care Farm Doeke Dobma

Doeke Dobma is a farmer who together with his wife Iris started Clinks Care Farm in 2010 on a Norfolk County Farm in Toft Monks. Doeke's background and training is in Horticulture. He learned the trade at Capel Manor College and worked in Grounds Maintenance. He also ran a grounds maintenance project for the Shaw Trust working with disadvantaged people. Doeke's sister introduced him and Iris to care farming on a visit to their home country of Holland. He will be telling us the fascinating story of Clinks Care Farm at this meeting which marks the reopening of our gardening club after many months...

Doeke will bring produce to sell.

November 16th Bees and the bee friendly garden – John Everett

John is a member of the Norwich and District Beekeepers Association. He will introduce us to the fascinating world of bees with a light-hearted talk about Honey Bees, Bumble Bees and Solitary Bees. His talk will be illustrated with slides of plants that bees love to visit in his garden.

December 14th (second Tuesday of the month)

Christmas Social evening. Details to be confirmed

January 18th Making a willow structure for your garden Maxine Tricker

Maxine is a gardener and garden designer who trained at Capel Manor and runs a gardening design business – Max your Garden in Bungay. She is a

skilled weaver of willow and rush who delivers workshops locally and can often be seen at open days at Earsham Wetland Centre. She will demonstrate how to weave a willow structure for your garden and tell us about her work and gardening interests.

**February 15th Companion planting for a balanced garden.
Dr Ian Bedford - retired Research Entomologist
/Consultant**

Ian's talk will explain how our gardens can become safe havens for wildlife which then enable the natural food chains to develop. This then naturally regulates the numbers of herbivorous bugs and so maintains a relatively low level of plant damage. Companion planting has the potential to be a key component of these natural balanced gardens.

**March 15th " Heading for Gold". The Chelsea experience of a
flower arranger.
Jenny Baker**

Jenny will share her experiences as an exhibitor at The Chelsea Flower Show in the flower arranging marquee. She will tell us about everything involved in getting ready for the event; the joy and the tears, from working through the night to entering the marquee with baited breath to see how she had got on. As she talks she will create three special floral designs for members to win in the raffle!

**April 19th Little Blue Bulbs
Richard Hobbs**

Richard is a professional botanist who has had a lifelong interest in plants, gardening and nature conservation. He has travelled widely to look at wild flowers and has a small but full garden together with an allotment and an overstuffed greenhouse. He is garden advisor to Raveningham Hall and is busy being involved with the restoration of a Victorian Walled Garden in his village of Little Plumstead. He is also one of the gardening experts on Radio Norfolk and holder of the national collection of Muscari.

**Our summer programme begins in May where we visit local
gardens. Details to follow.**