



Summer Programme 2022

All summer meetings are held at 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month. We are lucky that several of our members have generously agreed to host us this summer. Please try to car share where possible and park considerately to their neighbours. As always wear footwear suitable for uneven ground!

Tuesday May 17th

A visit to two contrasting gardens in Starston.

7pm Laurel Farm Skinners Lane (off Hardwick Road) Starston IP20 9PX

Members Alison and Stephen's Letch's garden, is a wild and wonderful untamed garden full of birds and other wild life which includes free ranging Guinea Fowl, a goose and hens. There are farm ponds, a polytunnel, vegetable garden and fruit trees as well as a small woodland planted with the help of RHS students 25 years ago.

Despite being here for 30 years there is still much to be done to both house and garden, but they love this special peaceful spot.
Do take care, rabbit holes, uneven paths and ground.

Parking in field/farmyard

Then on to Willow Barn, Hardwick Road Starston IP20 9PH (almost opposite Clintergate.)

Helen and Andy moved to Willow Barn almost two years ago on a very hot July day in 2020. They arrived to find the one-acre garden lush with hedge growth, an abundance of ripe fruit hanging heavy on trees, but every inch of it parched from the heat. They set to work watering and cutting lawns and soon a long list of gardening jobs evolved (a list that has changed in content but not necessarily in length!). The garden, which lies to the south and west of the barn, was designed 15 years ago by the previous owners.

The plot has thick clay soil and has been divided up into several garden 'rooms' to create both shelter from the prevailing southwest winds and a variety of landscapes:

a small orchard, pond, lawns, kitchen garden and a shady woodland walk along an old hedgerow. Helen and Andy have reworked some of the overgrown and crowded areas, by removing some trees and hedges to allow more light into those spaces. They are considering new planting and always with a view to encourage wildlife – but not rabbits!

Limited parking for 8 to 10 cars offroad or some parking on wide verge on Clintergate.

Tuesday June 21st

7pm Denton Cottage, Round House Hill, Denton, IP20 0AA

A visit to our members John and Bronwen Bunting. The garden is a work in progress, which was started in 2020. They have a 1-acre garden

sitting on a hill overlooking the Waveney Valley. This results in them having well drained soil and a lovely view, which they have tried to maximise.

They have cleared some ugly conifers, which lined the drive and have pruned others to increase light into the garden. Designing raised borders has enabled Bronwyn to pursue her passion, for herbaceous plants.

Limited parking at Denton Cottage or Chris and Jean Whipps have kindly said it is ok park at their barns (behind Home Farm) at the top of the hill from where it is a brief walk to the garden.

Tuesday July 19th

7pm A visit to Brick Kiln House, Priory Lane, Shotesham NR15 1UJ

Jim & Jenny Clarke open their garden for the National Garden Scheme and are opening for a private visit for us.

Cost £5 per person (DGC will subsidise this visit by £1 per member to meet the full cost of £6pp). All proceeds to the National Garden Scheme Charity.

This is a 2-acre garden with colourful borders, sculptures and a stream running through a diversely planted wood.

Parking in a field but with easy access to brick path.

Tuesday August 16th

We end our summer programme with visits to two members' gardens in Alburgh

7pm Blackthorn House, Low Road, Alburgh IP200BX

We begin at Deborah and Andrew Stewart's garden in Alburgh. Deborah joined us a few years ago and is now part of our committee.

This is their first proper garden after years of transporting plants in pots from military house to military house! A lot was already here from the previous owners but they have created tiered beds at the back, cleared down to the pond, made a new seating area with flower beds at the rear of the garden and last summer Andrew built the larch clad studio from scratch which entailed moving the greenhouse to its new position.

Limited parking on the drive but you may park on the opposite verge outside on the road.

Then on to Hawthorn Farm, Mill Road, Alburgh IP20 0DS

Our last garden visit of the summer is to our members Deborah and David Buckton's garden at the other end of the village. The main garden to this old farmhouse is now behind the house and was altered in 2016 to incorporate raised beds. There are herbaceous borders, ancient fruit trees and the garden slopes down to a natural looking deep pond. There is a patio together with a rustic undercover area (much enjoyed over the last two years!)

There are some uneven parts to the garden and the patio has different levels.

Members can park on the front meadow which belongs with the house. (There will be a sign up.)

And finally note the date!

Saturday September 3rd

The return of the DCG Open Show at Denton Village Hall after a 2-year absence. See separate Show Schedule for details.