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improve women's and family's lives



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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: 13TH May

WHERE: St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Rd

TIME: 7.30pm for 8pm start

EVENT: Celebration of our 20th anniversary

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our speaker for the evening was Andy Mills who is the head gardener at Blenheim Palace. Andy joined Blenheim in 2022 and began by telling us of his previous experience at various National Trust properties.

Using slides, he gave us a tour of the gardens. In particular he showed us pictures of how various areas of the gardens used to be, and how work is now under way to either change them back to their original state or to improve the look. Some of the work, especially the reshaping of the hedges will take up to 10 yrs to complete. In the rosarium the existing roses have been removed and replaced by beautiful perfumed varieties. No chemicals are used and greenfly are washed off by soapy water. Andy has some major projects on the go and he plans to give each area of the gardens the "wow" factor.

70,000 daffodils have already been planted with another 70,000 this year.



GROUP MEETING

Six of our members attended the group meeting at Begbroke Village Hall. It was a good meeting and Caroline was given a gift for her work on the committee. The speaker was Brian Kay a well-known English radio presenter, conductor and singer. He was well-known as the bass in the King's Singers during the group's formative years from 1968 to 1982. For 21 years he was the conductor of the Burford choir. He wore the most amazing waistcoat which had embroidered on it all the famous composers.



THE WALKING GROUP



Eight members climbed 3½ miles through Wytham woods to see and enjoy the marvellous display of bluebells.

This was followed by lunch at the Trout, Wolvercote.



LADIES LUNCH

Although the service was slow this did not prevent the members enjoying a meal and time together at the Trout Inn, Wolvercote

FUTURE EVENTS

WALTON MANOR LUNCH

The next Walton Manor lunch will be held on Monday 19th May at 12.15pm at The Turnpike, Yarnton OX5 1PJ.

Please contact Catherine Dobson before 15th May if you wish to attend.

dobsoncatherinel@gmail.com or 01865 515436.

WALTON MANOR KNIT AND NATTER

The next knit and Natter meeting will be on Tuesday 20th May

From 7 – 9pm at Catherine's

92 Lonsdale Rd, OX2 7ER

Bring along your knitting/sewing etc and enjoy a coffee/tea and a good natter.

FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED BY THE OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION

Malvern Spring Festival – Friday 9th May

Members £60

Non-Members £64

Please note that tickets are non-refundable

Based at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern, Worcestershire, and framed by the picturesque Malvern Hills, RHS Malvern Spring Festival is the perfect opportunity to prepare for the upcoming gardening season. One of the first major shows of the year, the festival opens the door into the summer season and its setting provides the perfect backdrop to a plethora of plants and gardens.

Enjoy a walk around the show gardens, gather inspiration from exhibitors and get hints and tips from a range of talks and demonstrations at this fantastic early season show. This wonderful Show has inspiring gardens, spectacular blooms and plenty of ideas to try at home. Plants for outdoors and indoors and an opportunity to learn from all the fantastic medal-winning gardens. Join us and enjoy a magical day seeing some of the very best that the world of horticulture has to offer.

HOUSES AND WINE IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

WHEN SUNDAY 11TH MAY – THURSDAY 15TH MAY

COST NAT. TRUST MEMBER £858 NON NT MEMBER £893

Exciting 4night/5day holiday at the Tudor Park and Country Club near Maidstone. Bed, breakfast and dinner included. Visit to Rochester castle and cathedral, Hever Castle, Chartwell, Sissinghurst, Ightham Mote and Knole Park. Also wine tasting at Kingscote vineyard

Ukraine: Now and Then

Date: Thursday 22nd May

Time: 2.00 – 4.00

Venue: Milton-under-Wychwood Village Hall, Shipton Rd OX7 6JW

Cost: £12. Members £14 Non-members

Dr Zawadzki will give an insight into the complex situation and history of Ukraine

Food & Flowers of Japan

Date: Tuesday 17th June

Time: 10.30 – 1.30

Venue: Holton Village Hall near Wheatly OX33 1PR

Cost: £18.00 members £20 Non-members

MORE FUSED GLASS WORKSHOPS

Date: Thursday 26 June

Time: Two separate half day sessions

10.00 -12.30 OR

1.30 – 4.00

Cost: £25 members only, including all materials

Helen Cooper will lead us through making fused glass objects

ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS AND MORE INFORMATION. INCLUDING CLOSING DATES, CAN BE FOUND IN OXFORDSHIRE INSPIRES OR ON THE OFWI WEBSITE