

Richmond Garden Club 2018

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Annual subscription £5

Events at the Town Hall cost £2 for members, £3.50 for non-members. Visits are individually priced

January 10th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting

“Garden Dreams - the development, design, philosophy of my garden at Mill Barn” Chris Mortimer

Chris’s unique and quirky garden offers a series of delights with surprises around every corner.

More on ngs.org.uk

February 14th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm

“Bake and Ladders” Steve Bake

Steve is a retired Richmond firefighter. He will talk briefly about keeping safe on ladders. There are a few simple ways to avoid falls, but it’s so easy to ignore them in our eagerness to get on with the job.

“Lawns- who needs them? A new appreciation for the most horticultural part of a garden” Jonathan Hill

Jonathan Hill is the sales and marketing director of Rolawn, Europe’s largest grower of premium quality turf, topsoil and bark. He says, “I’m a fan of lawns, nature, bugs, beasts and anything with an engine. Bring your questions and let’s talk.”

March 14th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm

“Spring into action” Graham Porter

Graham is the current resident ‘gardening expert’ on BBC Radio Leeds. The 'Spring into Action' talk is a chance to look at the huge range of propagation opportunities that abound in the spring garden. A few surprises along the way!! Members are very welcome to bring in plants from their gardens to add to the discussion on opportunities for propagation in the spring.

April 11th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm

“Maximising plant potential” Julian Davies

Julian has spent the last 25 years working as an agronomist at an applied R&D centre near York. He carries out commercially funded projects for a wide range of companies in UK, Europe and America. He has a passion for horticulture and runs projects with 25 primary schools enabling children to grow veg and salad.

The talk will provide an insight into how commercial growers manipulate plants to achieve the demands of retailers and how gardeners can use some of these techniques. It looks at fertilisers, growing media, biological control, alternatives to chemicals and new developments with LEDs that allow crops to be grown during winter or without any natural light. More on stockbridgetechnology.co.uk

May 9th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm

Slide show of members’ garden photos and Grand Plant Swap.

An informal evening for members to share plants, pictures and cake.

June 5th 6.30pm Visit to Blacksmith’s Secret Garden, The Forge, Ravensworth DL11 7EU

The garden is hidden behind Forge House and Cottage. It is lushly planted and has wildlife ponds, natural stone features and some unusual plants. More on ngs.org.uk

Ravensworth is 7 miles north of Richmond, 5.5 miles west of Scotch Corner. Approaching from Richmond turn left on the sharp right hand bend before the bridge towards the far end of the village.

Members and their personal guests only. Members £3, non-members £5. Refreshments included.

To assist with our arrangements please book and pay for this visit to Rachel Walker, Northcliffe, Gatherley Road, Brompton on Swale DL10 7JH. Cheques payable to Richmond Garden Club – thank you.

June 26th 6.30pm Visit to Rachel and Howard Walker's garden, Northcliffe, Gatherley Road, Brompton on Swale DL10 7JH. On left side of Gatherley Road just before turn to A1 Northbound access road.
Members and their personal guests only. Members £2, non-members £3.50

July 10th 2.30pm Visit to Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane, Sidegate, Durham DH1 5SZ
A guided tour of this superb garden which has a variety of gardens within the garden. Crook Hall is very near the centre of the city so a chance to have the whole day in Durham.
More on crookhallgardens.co.uk
Members and their personal guests only. Members £5, non-members £10. Refreshments not included.
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July 31st 6.30pm Visit to Martin Fish's garden, Rainton, Thirsk YO7 3PH
Park in the car park behind the Lamb Inn
Martin gave us a talk in 2017 and invited us to visit his garden. He will give us a guided tour around the garden pointing out areas and plants of interest and of course answer any gardening questions. There will be plants for sale.
Martin and his wife Jill have a new book out, called Gardening on the Menu. It covers growing a range of vegetables, with recipes for each one. It's very practical and is based on their garden, Available from Martin's website or from Castle Hill Bookshop. More on martinfish.com
Members and their personal guests only. Members £4, non-members £7. Refreshments Included
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September 12th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm
"Walking with Flowers" Don Witton
These are holiday snaps with a difference, combining Don's two passions - walking and wildflowers. Whether it's coastal, countryside or mountain walking you will see beautiful pictures of many of our garden plants in stunning scenery where they choose to grow naturally. More on Don's website: euphorbias.co.uk

October 10th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm
"Harlow Carr Garden" Paul Cook
Paul Cook was appointed curator of Harlow Carr Gardens in 2013. He is responsible for managing and developing the garden's plant collections and leading a team of thirty horticulturists, RHS trainees and volunteers.

November 14th Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm
"Love at first bite" Wacks Wicked Plants
An entertaining look at the trials and tribulations of growing/displaying carnivorous plants, with pictures and real plants, including some plants for sale. It will cover the pitfalls of displaying carnivorous plants as well as information on how to care for them. More on wackswickedplants.co.uk