

Richmond Garden Club programme January to July 2019

Membership £5 pa from January to December Talks £2 for members, £3.50 non-members

Wednesday January 9th 7.30pm Richmond Town Hall

7.30pm AGM: If you can help to run the club, even in a small way, please let us know. Don't be put off by that word "committee". Helping to run Richmond Garden Club is fun and sociable and doesn't take up a lot of time. Nominations for the committee should be sent to: Anna Jackson, Stonethwaite House, Seagrim Crescent Richmond DL10 4UB 01748 821343 anna@freeform.plus.com Act now to beat the rush!

We shall try to keep the AGM short and to the point, after which we'll have the talk.

Tony Chalcraft shares the secrets of perfect winter salads

Tony Chalcraft and Jane Thurlow have a one acre former plant nursery on the edge of York. This has been converted into a garden, open annually for the National Garden Scheme. A large part of the garden is devoted to fruit and vegetable growing as a main aim is to have fresh produce throughout the year. Winter salads are a key part of the cropping and are grown both outside and under cover in a greenhouse/polytunnel. The talk will cover the surprising range of winter salads that can be grown in Yorkshire and will include an opportunity to taste some samples. Weather permitting there should also be bags of fresh mixed salad leaves for sale.

Wednesday February 13th 7.30pm Richmond Town Hall

Garden Club Question Time with expert Martin Fish

You can send your questions in advance to Caroline Brannigan cbrannigan@btopenworld.com or just turn up on the night. Bring your most embarrassing specimens with you (or photos). There's no such thing as a silly question. Please don't think that everyone else in the room is an expert. They're not!

Martin has been gardening since he was a boy helping his Grandma in her traditional cottage garden. He has since gone on to broaden his horticultural field by training and working in a council parks department then moving on to own his own landscape/nursery business. He writes for various garden publications and is a garden expert on BBC Radio. He loves nothing more than sharing his knowledge and talking about all things gardening, so is looking forward to joining Richmond Garden Club for question time.

You'll also have the chance to buy Gardening On The Menu, Martin and Jill Fish's new book at a special discount price (£12.95, usually £15.99). This is a practical guide to over 25 different fruit and vegetables to grow in your garden with over 100 tried and trusted, easy to follow recipes.

Wednesday March 13th 7.30pm Richmond Town Hall

Plants of Tomorrow: What science has in store for our gardens with biotechnologist Dr. Jane Morris

Plants that light up at night, apples and potatoes that won't go brown - these are just some of the things we might see in garden centres one day. On a more practical level, scientists are also developing plants that grow more efficiently and need fewer chemicals and fertilizers. But does that mean they'll all be genetically modified? Many GM plants are banned within Europe. Jane will explain in layman's terms what other scientific methods are being used that might not be regarded as GM.

Jane Morris is one of our members and acts as an international consultant on issues relating to modern biotechnology, particularly in developing countries.

Wednesday April 10th 7.30pm Richmond Town Hall

How to make a great hanging basket which survives the summer with Fiona Dean

Fiona Dean, of Ravensworth Nurseries, established in 1966 five miles from Richmond, will be telling us about the best kinds of hanging containers, what growing medium works well and how to keep the plants looking fresh and blooming all summer. Fiona will also be giving us new ideas on what we can grow in hanging containers. She'll be bringing some plants and baskets to buy or order.

Wednesday May 8th 7.30pm Richmond Town Hall Members' Evening "Eat, talk, share"

Anna Jackson and Jenny Haywood are planning this. Send your suggestions for what should be included to anna@freeform.plus.com. Full details of the evening will sent out in April

Visits are for members and their personal guests only. Members £2, guests £3.50

28th May 6.30pm Visit to Jan Ward's garden Vine Barn, Bellerby DL8 5QP

Jan says "My garden has evolved over a number of years. There are three parts to it: 1. Walled garden, part grass surrounded by colourful perennial borders and various sculptures. 2. Flower beds along the west side of our pebble drive and around the parking area to the back. The planted borders are mainly perennials and include wild flowers, evergreens and an old Magnolia in front of the Lily pond and a variety of clematis and roses rambling over the buildings. 3. The vegetable, herb and fruit garden also includes maples under planted with wild flowers and seasonal bulbs adding a blanket of colour from February to May".

Approaching from Richmond, take sharp bend into Bellerby, then it's the 2nd house on the RH side. SLOW down driving up the pebble drive which is next to a tarmac drive over a stream. Drive between two houses one stone built and the other painted cream. It looks narrow but my VW Golf goes through with my mirror pulled in. If you prefer you can park on the road opposite my drive as there are no yellow lines. Vine Barn is through the farm gate at the end of my drive.

18th June 6.30pm Visit to 3 members' gardens

Anna Jackson Stonethwaite House, Seagrim Crescent (Garden Village), Richmond DL10 4UB An intriguingly shaped walled garden, with paths winding through borders, some colourful, some mainly green, planted with shrubs, perennials and lots of tulips.

Ian and Valerie Dawson 14 Barrack View, Richmond DL10 4YU The back garden is compact, on several levels, surrounded by walls and packed with apple trees, small trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials, some unusual. Many have been planted with flower arranging in mind. We have a large selection of hostas. The front garden is a very large shrub-covered rockery. We aim to have a variety of textures and colour throughout the year in both gardens.

Marcia Howard 7 Barrack View, Richmond DL10 4YU Small courtyard style back garden and sloping front garden, planted to support wildlife, and packed with spring bulbs, perennials, climbers, shrubs, and lots of pots including 2 full of water plants.

Turn up Gallowgate at traffic lights on Darlington Road A6108 by the war memorial, pass Green Howards Road on left, then turn left into Swalegate estate or right into Garden Village estate. Park on street in Garden Village or Swalegate or in small car park by the football field at end of Swalegate

2nd July 6.30pm Visit to 3 members' gardens

Jane Hatcher 18 Bargate, Richmond DL10 4QY

A pretty, sheltered courtyard where refreshments will be served.

Karen Tiller 20 Bargate, Richmond DL10 4QY

The garden has evolved over 20 years from an overgrown, weed filled former vegetable and soft fruit patch, with several re-incarnations. It is approached up steps, through a yard filled with potted Acers and Hostas prior to gradually sloping up towards the high wall of Waterloo. Mostly planted with cottage garden plants, trees, English roses, Hostas, Heucheras, Clematis and anything else I can cram in!

Gayle Pearson 26 Bargate, Richmond DL10 4QY

A small walled garden, over four levels, with a nod to Japanese style planting with use of Japanese Maples, interesting pine, evergreen and fern species. The main borders feature specimen trees and shrubs chosen to ensure year-round interest including berries, bark, form and leaf colour. Cobbles, pebbles, gravel and natural stone also a feature. Large planters and smaller pots give seasonal variation.

From Victoria Road A 6108 turn south onto Rosemary Lane then left into Bargate. Park on Newbiggin or in market place

September 11th,

October 9th,

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November 13th 7.30pm Richmond Town Hall

Peter Mathers on London Gardens.

This is based around visits to the annual London Open Gardens Weekend when gardens large and small, some public and others very private are opened to visitors.

Peter is a trained speaker with the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.