

Tender Shoots Garden Club Zoom talks - V5

The zoom meetings open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start and as usual there is no charge to attend the zoom sessions, so everyone is welcome. There'll be a few more zoom talks added soon, so join the mail list on the website www.tendershoots.uk

February 23rd Thursday - Indy Rana - 'How to modernise garden clubs & recruit new members: Chapter 1' - I was asked by the RHS to do a presentation for them at their recent Affiliated Societies Forum at RHS Bridgewater to a collection of garden clubs. I'm now taking it a step further and doing a workshop on zoom which anyone is welcome to join. This will be the start of a project to try to share ideas to help modernise clubs, by making committee roles easier, recruiting new members, appealing to a wider demographic, reducing costs, incorporate new ideas, plus much more. This session will cover some elements of the treasurers role to make it easier, so this part would also be useful to non-gardening groups, such as church groups, community groups, WI, charitable clubs etc. The session will also cover the treasurers card payment summary document that I produced for the RHS which they sent out to all their affiliated societies, so some of you may have already received it via the RHS. Part of modernising a garden club is also convincing your members to embrace the changes. So please feel free to invite your members to the zoom talk as some of them may feel they can.

March 1st Wednesday – Monthly informal networking session for clubs to chat. (1st Wed of each month)

March 20th Monday – Peter Moore – 'Plant Breeding' - Peter is a Plant Heritage National Collection Holder and also a commercial plant breeder. It's extremely likely you will already have one of his plants growing in your garden that's been developed by Peter, such as buddleia, philadelphus, choisya etc. He will be giving us his inside tips on plant breeding.

March 27th Monday – George Hargreaves – Notable Botanic Gardens of the UK - George is a volunteer guide at Westonbirt Arboretum and will be giving us a tour of the most inspiring Botanic Gardens in the UK.

April 5th Wednesday – Monthly networking meetup for any club to share tips. (1st Wed of each month)

TBC - Indy - 'How to modernise garden clubs & recruit new members: Chapter 1' – (Repeated)

April 24th Monday – Jackie Currie - How to grow Alliums and the best varieties to choose. Jackie is a PH National Collection Holder and will take us through her collection. *(This will be a Members & Affiliated Club only zoom event)*

April TBC - Chris Blackburn (Concept Research) - Ultra Sonic Pest Control - Learn about the safe way to control animals coming into your gardens without using harmful chemicals. Find out why some poorly made sonic machines don't work, & how to select the correct device that is approved by respected organisations like the RSPB & made in Britain.

TBC - Indy - Modernise Garden Clubs: Chapter 2+ (Workshops will continue, please join email list to be notified of dates)

Monthly networking for clubs continues on the first Wednesday of each month, everyone welcome

September 25th Monday – Lucy Hartley – Climate change and its effect on our gardens - Lucy is a very talented garden designer running her own consultancy. The climate emergency has been with us for a while. We all need to do what we can to both mitigate and prepare for climate change. After covering, briefly, what climate change actually means for our gardens this talk will look at ways we can use our gardens to guard and support local biodiversity while sequestering more carbon. It will then cover insight on how to cope with the changes that are coming. Tips are given on how to nurture a more healthy and resilient garden.

October 26th Thursday – Timothy Walker (former curator of Oxford Botanic Garden) – Bordering on Insanity (creating an all-year-round border) - This talk looks exclusively at the herbaceous border in my Wife's garden and covers the principles and practicalities to be adopted when trying to create a border that is interesting all year round. It concludes with a look at a collection of must-have plants for such a border.

November 8th Wednesday – Andrew Mikolajski – Do Your Roots Need Doing – Good root growth is essential for healthy & productive plants. How can you be sure yours are performing well under ground when you can't see them.

Here is the zoom code (it's exactly the same code & link for all Tender Shoots zoom events):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750?pwd=SVRibE0vRW5mTUFGdG1NblVxSjJPZz09>

Meeting ID: 404 301 4750

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