

# SPRING NEWSLETTER.

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## Membership.

**£5 a year.**

Please note membership renewal is from the 1st October unless you joined after the 1st July 2018

The Membership table will be open at the meetings for you to renew your membership. Still only £5/year.



## Programme.

APRIL 20th Angela Thompson "Hardy Fuchsias"

MAY 18th Duncan Coombs.  
'A Spring visit to Japan's Gardens and Countryside' & Plant sale.

JUNE 15th Visit to Badge Court, Droitwich

JULY 20th Visit to Meadow Farm Garden, Feckenham.

AUGUST 20th Coach Trip Miserden Gardens.

## Brian's Notes.

The May meeting this year will be in the format of a normal meeting, with a talk by Duncan Coombs, who will bring plants from Pershore Collage to sell, along with members stalls and a BPGC plant stall. (Donated plants welcome on the day.) If you wish to book a stall to sell plants please contact me. Stalls are £5 to club funds.

Please note the change of venue for the July visit, the club has had to pay a deposit to secure this booking. If you wish to come on the visits, please fill in the booking form and return 30 days before the visit. A booking form is also attached for the coach trip to Miserden Gardens. Please note preference will be given to club members for garden visits and coach trips.

Brian.

### Miserden Gardens. (From their website).

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“This lovely, timeless garden, with spectacular views over a deer park and rolling Cotswold hills beyond, was designed in the 17th Century and still retains a wonderful sense of peace and tranquillity. There are extensive yew hedges, including a notable topiary yew walk designed by Lutyens as well as some magnificent mixed borders, which contain a wide range of roses, clematis, shrubs and herbaceous plants that provide colour right through from spring to autumn. An ancient mulberry tree, believed to be planted in 1620, and the rill with fountain and stone summerhouse, built to commemorate the Millennium, are two other magical features in the history of this garden which has spanned generations. The Garden at Miserden truly is a hidden gem in the very heart of the Cotswolds.”

### Pershore College Courses, by Mary Gleaves.

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For many years the RHS and Pershore College have worked in partnership to present a programme of lectures, demonstrations and workshops to inform and inspire gardeners and horticulturalists. Lectures by college staff and guest speakers have included the magic of compost making, growing Auriculas and other specialist plants, and good garden design. Each month there is a demonstration covering 'Around your garden'; workshops have been 'hands on'- for example making your own Christmas Wreath and fruit tree pruning. There have also been opportunities to walk around the college campus to look at the work of staff and students.....and of course visit the plant nursery! However, at the end of 2018 the RHS announced they would no longer continue to have a base in the Midlands and withdrew from the college. The good news is that the college are keen to continue the weekly programme of lectures and other horticultural events. The new programme is, to a degree, work in progress, but continues to offer a wide range of interesting and diverse topics- bees, edible ornamental plants and gardening without pesticides to name but a few. One of the guest speakers is Chris Smith of Pennard Plants, featured in the March edition of The Garden. There are also workshops planned and tours of the gardens of Hampshire and Durham with a guide from the college. The lectures are friendly and informal and you do not need to be a student or member of the RHS to attend!! Refreshments are served for a small charge.

Lectures are Tuesdays 2-4pm , the cost is to be confirmed shortly but it is hoped that it will be in the region of £12.50 for RHS members and £15 for guests. They are very popular and booking usually essential.

Further information can be found on the Pershore College website ( Adult and Community Learning page)Note that Pershore is now part of the Warwickshire Colleges group but 'Googling ' Pershore College will get you to the right place!

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### Worcestershire NGS County Organiser David Morgan,

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From the magnificent Malvern Hills, the inspiration for Edward Elgar, to the fruit orchards of Evesham which produce wonderful blossom trails in the spring, and from the historic city of Worcester, with its 11th century cathedral and links to the Civil War, to the numerous villages and hamlets that are scattered throughout the county, there is so much to enjoy in this historic county.

Worcestershire is blessed with gardens created by celebrated gardeners such as Capability Brown to ordinary amateur gardeners, and the county can boast properties with grounds of many acres to small back gardens of less than half an acre, but all have something special to offer. There are gardens with significant historical interest and some with magnificent views and a few that are not what you might consider to be a “typical” NGS garden! We also have a number of budding artists within the Scheme, and a few display their works of art on garden open days.

Worcestershire’s garden owners guarantee visitors beautiful gardens, some real surprises and a warm welcome: [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)