

**Calendar of Meetings January 2026 – November 2026**

Meetings / Visits are usually held at **10:30 am** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of the month, sometimes on a Friday.

Email notification each month before visit to confirm numbers and organise lifts for car sharing.

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- February 10<sup>th</sup> Talk at The Baptist Church by Alison Wakeman titled Awareness of Bees  
10:10 for 10:30 start. Followed by tea/coffee. Cost £5 cash pay on the day.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Ashwoods Nursery guided tour of John's Garden; Ashwood Lower Lane, Kingswinford, DY6  
0AE Arrive from 10:30 for tea / coffee in tearoom for a 11:25 tour. Approx. 35 mins by car.  
Cost £15.00 - pay cash to Sue on the day as I have to pay in advance. 'John's Garden' at  
Ashwood Nurseries is a wonderful eight acre private garden created by nursery owner John  
Massey VMH, borders, island beds and much more.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Broadacre, Grange Road, Dorridge, Solihull, Warwickshire, B93 8QA. Arrive 10:30; Approx.  
40 min, by car. Plenty of parking. Cost £7 tea, coffee and cake. A nature garden, managed  
organically, attractively landscaped with pools, lawns, trees, wildflower meadows.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Bridge House, Dog Lane, Bodymoor Heath, Warks, B76 9JD Arrive 10:30; Approx 35 mins  
by car. Cost £5. One acre garden divided into smaller areas with shrub borders, azalea and  
fuchsia, herbaceous and bedding, orchard, kitchen garden with large greenhouse. Pergola  
walk, arch to formal garden with big fish pool, pond, bog garden and lawns. Some unusual,  
carefully chosen trees.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Cowleigh Lodge, 16, Cowleigh Bank, Malvern, WR14 1QP. Arrive 10:30; Approx. 50 mins by  
car. Cost - £6 entry and £3.50 for tea, coffee and cake. Owners happy to be on hand to walk  
round with us. A mature 1 acre garden on the slopes of the Malvern Hills, with a formal rose  
garden.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Morton Hall Garden, Morton Hall Lane, Holberrow Green, Redditch, B96 6SJ Arrive 10:00 am  
NB New date - **Note earlier time** Approx. 45 mins by car. This is a secluded private garden with 7 garden  
rooms and exquisite planting schemes, including Japanese style area, rockery, etc. Guided  
tour by the Head Gardener or owner, followed by morning coffee with cakes served in the  
Orangery. The charge for this visit will be £19 per person.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Simon Gulliver's Private Garden, 149, Newlands Road, Stirchley, B30 2BL. Approx 20 mins  
by car, also near to No 11 bus route. This is Simon and Abby's private garden which is a  
medium-large suburban garden with a diverse range of planting. It is on 3 levels, accessed by  
flights of concrete / stone steps: please bear this in mind, particularly if you have a disability or  
limited mobility.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Coach trip to Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire, OX33 1JZ. Coach leaves at 9:00 return by  
5:30pm. Cost £34 for entrance and coach – extra £8 for 1hr guided tour. Waterperry  
Gardens are a magical place where you are surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubs and  
flowers, classical borders, modern planting, secret corners and long vistas. Tearoom.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick, CV34 6HF, Restored Grade II Victorian  
Leisure Gardens. Arrive 10:30 for 11:00 guided tour. Cost £7 + extra for refreshments.
- November 9th (M0nday) Talk at The Baptist Church 10:10 for 10:30 start. Winter in Bloom by Samantha Hopes.  
Followed by tea/coffee, Cost £5 cash pay on the day.

Most dates and venues confirmed but there may be last minute unforeseen changes, especially weather related,  
please check your email before travelling.