

**Mon 22 January 8.00 pm - Annual General Meeting**

In the Annexe of the Village Hall, followed by drinks and nibbles. Monitor your committee and hear its aims for 2018. *Pay subs of £5 per year.*

**Tues 27 February 8.00 pm - Talk – Garden Birds**

In the Annexe, a talk by Roger Beck of RSPB Guildford on identifying garden birds, feeding and feeders, provision of water and nesting boxes.

**Sat 10 March 2.00 pm - Allotment and Garden Visit**

A visit by your own transport to the Programme Secretary's allotment and garden followed by refreshments. More details nearer the time. *For catering purposes please inform Liz beforehand if you are attending.*

**Monday 26 March 8.00 pm -Talk – Preparing for Your Show**

In the Annexe, a return visit by the popular Barry Newman, NVS judge, on preparing vegetables, fruit and herbs for the show bench.

**Sat 14 April 10.00 am to 1.00pm. Art Workshop – Happy Pansies**

'Colour: is black really black?' Liz Sherras Clark will lead another workshop for us. If wished bring your own watercolour paints and brushes. £12 each via Liz Cooper; booking and prepayment to RDHS is essential.

**Weds 25 April 8.00 pm – Wood Turning Demonstration**

In the Annexe, Greg Moreton will demonstrate 'From Tree to Bowl' describing the various processes involved. Also items such as apples.

**Mon 21 May – 8.00 pm – Floral Arrangements**

In the Annexe, Trisha Tullett will, with the Annual Show in mind, demonstrate flower arrangements (including the Men Only Class) and give us the opportunity to practice. More details nearer the time.

**Thurs 21 June 7.30 pm - Visit**

A visit, by your own transport, to Grace and Flavour, the community allotment in Ripley Lane, West Horsley, with refreshments.

**Wednesday 11 July 2.30 pm – Garden Visit**

Visit to the garden of two of our long-standing members by your own transport. Refreshments served. More details nearer the time. *For catering purposes please inform Liz beforehand if you are attending.*

**Sat 21 July - Ripley Event**

Our stall at the Ripley Event. Please, we will need help to set up in the morning, and to man the stall in the afternoon.

**Sat 18 August 2.30 pm - Gardens Open**

A unique opportunity to see 4 adjacent courtyard gardens in Ripley showing differing styles, design, colour combinations. Lots of ideas on optimum use of space. Refreshments provided. Details nearer the time. *For catering purposes, please inform Liz beforehand if you are attending.*

**Sat 25 August - Annual Show**

In the Scout Hut, Rose Lane, our Annual Show. Time to put the theory into practice. *Seed catalogues for 2017/8 available.*

**Tues 25 September 8.00 pm - Biodynamic Gardening**

In the Annexe, Briony Young, a biodynamic expert, will explain what it is all about.

**Mon 22 October 8.00 pm -Talk – The Devil's Garden**

In the Annexe, a lively and entertaining talk by garden historian Russell Bowes on the dangers lurking in our gardens.

**Weds 21 November 8.00 pm - History of Squires Garden Centres**

A talk, in the Annexe, by Sarah Squire, granddaughter of the founder of the Garden Centre chain, on its history.

**Mon 10 December 8.00 pm - Christmas Quiz and Social**

In the Annexe, a horticultural quiz with drinks and nibbles followed by a festive social gathering.

Our Horticultural Society is affiliated to the RHS. This enables us, at our Annual Show, to present the RHS Banksian Medal to the person with the highest total number of points from all the horticultural classes. The Medal is named after Joseph Banks, the 18<sup>th</sup> century naturalist, explorer and patron of natural sciences. Fred Hookins was our 2017 winner.

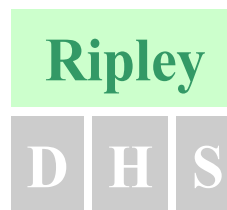
Our Society is also a member of the Surrey Horticultural Federation (SHF) who provide us with a biennial list of Speakers and Show Judges. They put on their own programme of talks and an annual garden visit, the latter attracting over 100 members from SHF societies.

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If you are not already a member of our Society, and would like to join, please contact our Membership Secretary who will be pleased to give you more information. The annual subscription (January to December or part thereof) is £5 per household.

Participation in the programme overleaf is free except where a modest subsidised charge is mentioned. At each meeting we generally have a raffle, and donations towards refreshments are requested; both these help to offset the hire charge of the Annexe and the cost of speakers and demonstrators.

We look forward very much to seeing you.



## RIPLEY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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