



**SHROPSHIRE  
GROUP**

## **2026 Programme**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – Nigel Hopes** - Head Gardener at John Massey's private garden at Ashwood Nurseries 'A Year in John's Garden' - A true garden for all seasons. John has developed his garden over many years. In this talk, Nigel provides a Head Gardeners behind the scenes tour, with highlights through the year and plenty of practical advice.

**7<sup>th</sup> February – Anthony Tavenor** - The History and Restoration of Plas Cadnant – Anglesey

**7<sup>th</sup> March – Tom Hart Dyke** - Developing the World Garden at Lullingstone Castle

**4<sup>th</sup> April – David Hurrion** – Creating a Jungle Garden in the UK - With over 50 years of practical experience in gardening and horticulture, David has a wealth of hints, tips and inspiration to share.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May – Camilla Anderson** – Stateley Gardens - The gardens of the Dukes of Devonshire and Northumberland: Chatsworth, Chiswick, Syon and Alnwick. This illustrated talk explores the developments in the above gardens and how successive generations have adapted the sites to reflect the changing fashions.

**5<sup>th</sup> September – Don Whitton** – 'Hardy Planter's Winter Survival Guide' - Plants, projects, activities and strategies to help you get through the dark nights and cold days between November and the end of March. This is an amusing talk which contains some wonderful slides of winter plants and gardens.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October – Harriet Rycroft** – Containers – Planting for Winter Interest & Spring Joy' - Harriet was the head gardener at Whichford Pottery for many years, becoming well-known for creating spectacular container displays all year round.

**7<sup>th</sup> November – Sam & Nigel Hopes** – 'Plants with a Story' Many plants have a story, here we share 25 of the most interesting we have come across so far. From where they were collected, how they are pollinated to folk law and old wives tales, sure to intrigue!

**5<sup>th</sup> December – Diane Clement** – A Garden for All Seasons - There is a flower in my garden on every day of the year. This is achieved through the use of different situations including shade and sun, moist and dry. A detailed look at planting round my garden at all times of year. Lot of practical ideas for you to increase your flowering season.