



**CHARLTON HORETHORNE
GARDENING CLUB
EVENTS CALENDAR
2026**

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Wednesday 4th February @ 7pm

AGM and Dinner

Charlton Horethorne Village Hall

Tuesday 17th March @ 7pm

Talk by Julie Haylock – ‘Container Planting’

An interesting and informative talk with a practical demonstration on Container Planting to inspire you to create your own fabulous seasonal displays.

Award winning Garden Designer, Julie Haylock, is based in Somerset. She writes a monthly column in a local magazine focussing on garden design and gardening matters and regularly give talks to Gardening Clubs. She was also a bronze winner at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2023.

A raffle will be held at the end of the talk with a chance to win the filled container used at the demonstration, worth £40. There will also be an opportunity to purchase a selection of seasonal plants grown by Julie.

Tuesday 21st April @ 7pm

Castle Garden Discount Evening

Once again, members will have the chance to attend an exclusive evening visit to Sherborne Castle Gardens to enjoy a short talk by a member of staff and a 25% discount on purchases made that evening.

Thursday 21st May @ 2pm

Visit to Batcombe House, Gold Hill, Shepton Mallet (13 miles)

By kind permission of Libby Russell



A country garden which is perfectly at home in a sleepy, step-sided valley. Libby has spent 15 years developing her own Somerset garden, unifying two distinct halves. One is a riot of colour through kitchen terraces, a potager leading to a wildflower orchard; the other a calm contemporary amphitheatre with large herbaceous borders and interesting trees and shrubs. A garden that is always changing, filling it with year-round colour and cultivating a sense of comfort and joy.

Tuesday 9th June @ 5pm

Visit to Common Farm Flowers, Charlton Musgrove (9 miles)

By kind permission of Georgie Newbery



Founding Common Farm Flowers in 2010, Georgie was one of the first of the new kind of artisan flower farmers to establish in the UK. She is renowned for her expertise as a grower, florist and a business coach. The wildflower meadow should be at its best this month and a late afternoon visit should ensure that we are able to explore it during the cooler part of the day.

Thursday 25th June @ 2pm

Visit to Ven House, Milborne Port (3 miles)

By kind permission of Lord Allen and Michael Fisher

We are delighted to have secured a private visit to the gardens of Ven House, just down the road from us all!



Ever wondered what lies beyond those magnificent wrought iron gates? Now is your chance to find out! One of the finest privately owned Grade 1 listed buildings in Somerset, Ven House is rarely open to the public. It has 35 acres of gardens and grounds including a stream which forms part of the River Yeo. The tranquil gardens are as fine as the house and form a series of interconnected yet standalone works of horticultural art.

Ven House was purchased by the current owners from Jasper Conran.

Friday 24th July @ 2pm

Gasper Cottage, Warminster, Wiltshire (13 miles)

By kind permission of Bella Hoare and Johnnie Gallop



Secluded country garden around a classic thatched cottage of nearly 2 acres, with views out to glorious countryside. Thoughtful colour combinations have been developed in the different areas of the garden. There is luxurious planting of roses, delphiniums, campanulas and peonies and other summer specialities. Many tender plants are bedded out each summer for that extra sizzle and wow factor. A perennial wildflower meadow hosts an orchard and a developing forest garden with wildlife pond. The studio garden has exuberant planting, a formal pond and a pergola with herb terrace. Something for everyone to enjoy!

Saturday 8th August

Charlton Horethorne Gardening Club Summer Show

Tuesday 8th September @ 7pm

Talk by Dr. Francis Burroughes – ‘My Desert Island Plants’

We are delighted to welcome back Dr Francis Burroughes to the Gardening Club where he will talk about his top ten favourite plants and shrubs that he would not be without in his garden, and why. You may find some of his choices unusual or they may include some plants you may not have thought of. Illustrated with slides and growing tips for success.

Tuesday 27th October @ 7pm

Talk by Castle Gardens – ‘Hanging Baskets’

Castle Gardens will demonstrate how to keep our gardens looking colourful during the winter months with ideas for your hanging baskets.