

## MARLBOROUGH GARDENING ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER  
CLEMATIS**

**SPEAKER: FLOYD MARCEL**

Floyd Marcel runs Stowell Nursery near Chippenham and his March posting on the website gives some idea of his passion for climbing plants and clematis : "We opened our doors to our customers for the first time this year and we were busy from the start. The best sellers were the beautiful deep purple *Clematis Koreana brunette* and then all our *Sollya hetreophylla*, a lovely green climber native to Tasmania which is covered in miniature blue bells from June to September." We're in for a treat!

Lectures are free to members and there is no need to book. They are also open to non-members and a donation is appreciated. Tea and biscuits are served before the talk so come early to chat to friends and buy some raffle tickets. Garden related offerings for the raffle – plants, books, seeds - are always much appreciated.

**SEPTEMBER MEMBERS' MEETING: MEADOW IN MY GARDEN**

We were privileged to welcome Paul Jupp as our speaker for September. In 2010 Paul was inspired to set up what has developed into the leading online flower meadow specialist business in Devizes. Concerned that the world had by then lost half of its wildlife, Paul set out to make gardens a valuable resource for wildlife by marketing wild flower seeds to suit every soil and garden habitat.

To achieve a cost effective, low maintenance wildflower garden you must first skim off the topsoil and choose the right mix for your site. There are boxes of short wildflower seed (ideal for window boxes, pots and raised beds), seed for shady areas, perennial seed (good to mix with the annuals for winter interest) and many more. Visit the website for a full range of products: [www.meadowinmygarden.co.uk](http://www.meadowinmygarden.co.uk)

**YOUR GARDEN IN OCTOBER**

- ★ Clear the beds of summer flowers and plant Spring bulbs and bedding plants: wallflowers, primroses and forget-me-nots.
- ★ Lift and store gladioli
- ★ Gather all fallen leaves for leafmould and store out of sight until next year.
- ★ Pot up any summer bedding plants (geraniums etc.) to overwinter indoors.
- ★ Lift and store Dahlia tubers when the tops have been killed by frost.
- ★ Lift and store maincrop Potatoes, Carrots and Beet.

Copy deadline for the November Newsletter: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
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**VISIT TO BATSFORD ARBORETUM  
WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2017**

Our visit this autumn to Batsford Arboretum will we hope coincide with nature's natural fireworks display which takes hold in the arboretum at this time of year with leaf colour to take your breath away. Unbelievable beauty at every turn! We will enjoy a guided tour of the arboretum, which will introduce us to the extensive plant and tree collection from around the world. The plant centre and shop will provide an opportunity to treat yourself as well as do a bit of early Christmas shopping for your 'green fingered' friends, while the Garden Terrace Cafe offers a range of hot dishes at lunchtime and delicious home baked cakes and pastries. For anyone who thinks the visit might involve too much walking for them, the Arboretum does have a couple of all terrain vehicles (Trampers) available, which must be booked. If anyone is interested please contact the Arboretum direct and talk to Helen Powell on 01386 701441.

We leave Marlborough at 9.30am and return at 4.45/5.00pm. The cost for coach, entry and guided tour of the arboretum will be £15 for Batsford or Westonbirt Arboretum members and £22 for non-members. (Batsford and Westonbirt Arboretum members - please bring your membership card to secure free entry). Refreshments are not included in the price. *There is restaurant and picnics are allowed.*

**Travel times:**

Barnes coach pick up High Street (The Polly) **9.30 am**

*An Ogbourne St Andrew pickup at 9.15 am may be possible, see booking form*

Return to Marlborough at **4.45/5.00 pm**.

Please return the booking form below by **10 October** if you would like to come.

**BOOKING FORM  
VISIT TO BATSFORD ARBORETUM WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017**

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Cost £22.00 per person or £15.00 if you are a current member of Batsford or Westonbirt Arboretum (please remember to bring your membership card).

I am/am not a member of Batsford/Westonbirt Arboretum (*please delete as appropriate*).

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... made payable to Marlborough Gardening Association.

*If you would prefer to be picked up in Ogbourne St Andrew please tick here, and depending on numbers this may be possible.*

*Please send this form together with your cheque by **10 October 2017** to: Amelia Trevethick, Granham Thatch, Granham Hill, Marlborough SN8 4DW*