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Unless otherwise specified, meetings start at 8 pm and are held at the Westminster Park Community Centre, Five Ashes Road, Chester, CH4 7QS.

Westminster Park Gardening Club is affiliated to Westminster Park Residents' Association and those attending Gardening Club meetings must be paid up members of the Residents Association.

* Garden Visits

All of the Garden Visits are self drive and participants are to arrange payment for entry individually.

If you plan to attend any of the Garden Visits, please contact Mary Pole: pole.mary@gmail.com, 674439.

We like to car-share where possible.

Gardening Club

Now in its tenth year, the Gardening Club is well established in the community. The aim of this Club is to stimulate a knowledge and love of gardening. All members of the Westminster Park Residents Association are welcome to attend – after all, most residents have gardens and enjoy making their plot look attractive.

Our meetings are publicised via the WPRA Newsletter, the WPRA website and posters on the community notice boards. Unless stated otherwise, meetings are held at the Community Centre.

We have been lucky to have knowledgeable speakers who have covered a wide variety of topics. This year our speakers will be talking about the gardens at Stretton Old Hall and in the autumn we will hear all about Beautiful Bulbs. We visit inspirational gardens and this year we will be going to the Laskett Gardens, Stretton Old Hall and Powis Castle.

We have regular plant swaps and can usually go home with something new and interesting from a neighbour's garden.

We look forward to welcoming you to Westminster Park Gardening Club.

Westminster Park Residents' Association

Gardening Club

Programme of events

2019



The Laskett Gardens, Herefordshire

Winter and spring

Thursday, 28 February 2019.

An Evening with Joe Swift: garden designer, journalist and television presenter.

"20 years of TV Gardening"

Darland High School, Rossett, LL12 0DL



Organised by the Burton & Rossett Horticultural Society. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets cost £18 from <https://www.brhs.org.uk/joe/> including cheese and wine, and a Q&A session.

Wednesday, 24 April 2019 at 8 pm. Spring Talk. The Gardens at Stretton Old Hall, Malpas

A talk given by Stephen Gore, Head Gardener, about the management and development of the gardens at Stretton Old Hall.

Community Centre. Tickets: £4 at the door. Bar, light refreshments, plant and seed swap. All WP residents welcome.

Summer

Saturday & Sunday, 8 & 9 June. Garden visit.* Tilston garden trail

The gardens at Stretton Old Hall, Malpas, will be open for this event. More details to follow when available.

Thursday, 13 June 2019, 10.30 am. Garden Visit.*

The Laskett Gardens

Laskett Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HZ.

The Laskett Gardens, set in the idyllic countryside of Herefordshire on the Welsh borders, are the creation of Sir Roy Strong CH and his late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman. The gardens were begun in 1974 and continue to evolve. The ex-director of the National Portrait Gallery and Victoria & Albert Museum, now pursues a freelance career as writer, consultant and broadcaster and continues an active role in overseeing the gardens.

Admission to the gardens is £12 and includes a beautifully drawn plan of the gardens and an audio guide. Please contact Mary for more information (pole.mary@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. Whilst it is possible to do this as a day trip some may wish to make arrangements for overnight accommodation.

Wednesday, 25 September 2019. 11 am. Garden Visit.*

Powis Castle

Welshpool SY21 8RF

Meet for coffee in the Courtyard Restaurant before we explore and admire the stunning glow of autumn colour as it slowly spreads across the terraces in this world-class National Trust garden. Admission free for NT members.

Autumn

Wednesday, 9 October 2019, 8 pm.

Autumn Talk.

Beautiful Bulbs

Our speaker is Carol Madden. Carol has been giving talks for a number of years. She photographs the plants growing in her garden and takes into account the fact that people attending the talk are wanting to learn but don't want to be lectured at! 'Beautiful Bulbs' covers bulbs for 12 months of the year.

Community Centre. Tickets: £4 at the door. Bar, light refreshments, plant and seed swap.

All WP residents welcome.

Bulb planting programme.

The Gardening Club will continue its programme of bulb planting throughout Westminster Park estate.



To date we have planted many thousands of daffodil bulbs and crocus corms throughout the Westminster Park estate. If you know of an area that would benefit from some spring colour, please let us know.

We will be looking for volunteers to help plant the bulbs during October.