**Details of Gardening Club meetings for Hartest Website events pages**

**January 7th 7.30pm**

**“Drought Resistant Plants” – Geoff Hodge**

Geoff is a freelance gardening and horticultural writer, author, editor and radio and TV presenter. He has written several books and his aim is to help with problems and give useful tips, hints and advice. His talk will be a welcome subject after the heat of the 2018 summer. Entry only £2.

**February 4th 7.30pm**

**“Clematis throughout the Year” – Roy Nunn**

Roy is an amateur gardener specialising in ornamental plants including clematis. He is a member of the International and British Clematis Societies and regularly contributes to their journals. He will discuss planting, general care, pruning and recommended varieties. Clematis are an incredibly useful groups of plants and any advice should be very useful indeed. Entry only £2.

**March 4th 7.30pm**

**“A School Garden in Paris” – Christine Laffargue**

The daughter of our own Mr. Pat & Mrs. Pat Tebbit, Christine was born in Boxted, then lived in Hartest until 1975, when she moved to France - where she is still living.  She teaches English at a secondary school in Paris located between Les Invalides and the Hôtel de Matignon (the Prime Minister's residence).  She will be talking about their lovely park which was originally the vegetable garden of a convent school for young ladies. Entry only £2.

**April 1st 7.30pm**

**“Colour Throughout the Year” - Val Bourne**

Val Bourne has been a committed organic gardener all her life, eschewing the use of all chemicals in her productive Cotswold garden full of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Val used to work in vegetable research, but is primarily a plantaholic: she serves on the RHS floral and dahlia panels judging the trials. She is a lecturer, photographer and award-winning author and journalist - but most of all a hands-on gardener. How to get colour into the garden, throughout the seasons, will be an informative and inspiring talk.

Val was prevented from coming last year because of a broken arm and terrible weather, but she is determined to make it to Hartest this year! Entry only £2.

**May 12th 2.00pm**

**PLANT SALE**

Our main fund-raising event. Bring your surplus vegetable, fruit and flower plants along, and then buy some new! Refreshments and a tombola. Free entry

**May 13th 7.30pm**

**“From Renaissance to Suburbia: The History of the Garden Gnome” – Dr Twigs Way**

Since being allowed back into the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden gnome has reclaimed its ancestry from the original renaissance statues via Black Forest dwarfs and Victorian eccentrics and Twigs is an expert on the subject. She has even written a book about them. She is an accredited Arts Society (Nadfas) speaker. Her talk is fully illustrated and entertaining as well as educational. Love them or hate them this should be a fun evening and who knows may start a new craze! We are having a competition for the most attractive/interesting gnome. There will be a prize for the winner, so find those consigned to the shed or those that adorn a corner of your garden and bring them all along! Entry only £2.

**June 3rd 7.00pm**

**5 Parklands Green, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6UH 7.00pm**

One acre of beautiful gardens, and ½ acre of mature woodland with winding walks, an elevated tree platform and huge compost heaps. The gardens are planted with mature and unusual trees and shrubs. The mixed borders are a riotous mix of annuals, perennials, ferns and grasses, sown and self -sown for varied colour and form for year round effect. Paths lead to 4 large ponds, one designed for wildlife and 3 stocked with fish. This sounds like a delightful garden and well worth a visit. £6 entry will include hot drinks and cakes in aid of NGS.

**July 1st 7.00pm**

**Visit – details to be announced!**

**August 5th 7.30pm**

**“Gardener’s Delight – Mainly Veg” – Michael Warren**

Michael started gardening at the age of four helping his Grandfather, and the interest has never left him. In 1968 he became a photographer and his gardening knowledge came in useful illustrating books on the subject; an area in which he has continued to specialize. He is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture. His love of travel involves him in organizing and leading garden tours and cruises. This should be a very interesting talk with some wonderful photographs to illustrate the subject. Entry only £2.

**September 2nd 7.30pm**

**“Herbs in General” – Zsuzsa Serez**

ZsuZsu is a horticulturalist and agronomist who grew up in Hungary.  She has always gardened, but her main interest was herbs, so when she had finished her English course, she joined 'Herbal Haven’ nursery (12 years ago).
She will talk about growing, propagating, uses etc. This will be an informative talk from an expert in this field.

Entry only £2.

**September 13th 6.00pm – 7.00pm**

**FLOWER, VEGETABLE & PRODUCE SHOW**

Come along and have a go - there are classes for everyone: Vegetables, Fruit, Grown Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Handicrafts, Baking & Preserving, and special classes for children.

Exhibits can be brought to the Institute this evening from 6pm to 7pm.

The list of classes will be available from April, at Gardening Club meetings, or on their website

**September 14th 9.30am – 4.00pm**

**FLOWER, VEGETABLE & PRODUCE SHOW**

Come along and have a go - there are classes for everyone: Vegetables, Fruit, Grown Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Handicrafts, Baking & Preserving, and special classes for children.

Exhibits can be brought along today from 9.30am until 11am. We are open again in the afternoon, for prize giving, a raffle and refreshments.

The list of classes will be available from April, at Gardening Club meetings, or on their website

**October 7th 7.30pm**

**"Re-thinking your Garden"- Andrew Sankey**

Andrew is a garden designer, nurseryman and lecturer and has given several great talks to us over the years.  A particularly interesting subject for ideas to revitalise your beds and borders. Entry only £2.

**November 4th 7.30pm**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by “Skymeadow” – Charlie Hart**

Charlie was born in this area and after studying theology at Cambridge and working in London he has returned to Suffolk with his young family. He is now a gardener, author and journalist who writes and speaks about the way in which gardens and nature can rest the mind and heal the soul. He has recently published his book 'Skymeadow' about building his garden and how it has helped him come to terms with the death of his parents. In 2016 he worked on the award winning Chelsea Flower Show garden based on the theme of modern slavery, a subject that he has been involved with for some time. This should be a fascinating and inspiring talk. Free entry.

**December 2nd 7.30pm**

**CHRISTMAS MEAL**

Including the “Gardening Brain of Hartest” Quiz!