



# KENSINGTON GARDENERS' CLUB 2025 Programme



**CLUB MEETINGS** take place at St. George's Church, Aubrey Walk, W8 7JG. Doors open at 2.00 and talks commence at 2.30. Club meetings are free to members and £5 for guests. Afternoon tea follows the meeting at modest cost.

**GARDEN VISITS** by coach depart from the bus stand opposite the Czech Embassy, *ie.* on the north side of Notting Hill Gate by the 94/148 bus stop. Departure time is 10.00 am unless otherwise noted. Anticipated return time is 6.00 pm. Cost – £50 for members and £55 for guests, to be paid 3 weeks in advance. Coach transport and garden entry fees are included.

**GARDEN COMPETITION** judging takes place in the summer. Entries are welcome in all categories from window boxes to large gardens. Prizes are presented at the October Club meeting.

**A DISCOUNT** of 10% is offered by Rassells Garden Centre upon presentation of your club membership card.

## **BECOMING A MEMBER**

Membership is open to all, regardless of where you live.  
The annual subscription is £20 single, £30 for a couple.

For a membership application form, please contact:

Kensington Gardeners' Club  
12 Linton House  
11 Holland Park Avenue  
London W11 3RL  
Telephone: 020 7727 5235  
Email: [kensingtongardeners@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtongardeners@gmail.com)

Or download a form from the website: [www.kensingtongardeners.co.uk](http://www.kensingtongardeners.co.uk)  
and post to the above address.

Alternatively, you can join at any of our meetings.



## EVENTS

### **Saturday January 18, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – Todd Longstaffe-Gowan, advisor to the Royal Palaces, presents ‘The Lost Gardens of London.’

### **Saturday February 22, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – Timothy Walker, Professor of Plant Sciences at Oxford University, takes us to Tenerife.

### **Saturday March 15, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – Garden historian Caroline Holmes introduces us to painter and plantsman Cedric Morris, well known for breeding bearded irises.

### **Saturday April 12, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – Paul Bagshaw, Head Gardener at Goodnestone Park Gardens, will take us through a year of sustainable and wildlife gardening at Goodnestone.

### **Thursday May 1, 2025**

GARDEN VISIT – See Charlotte Molesworth’s Topiary Garden, and enjoy the bluebells, gorgeous colours and rich plantings including a tour of Hole Park Gardens.

### **Friday May 23, 2025**

COMPETITION JUDGING - Judy Fish will judge this year. See website or telephone Nicola on 07949 441662 to enter.

### **Wednesday May 28, 2025**

GARDEN VISIT – Travel to Loseley Park for peak viewing of the Rose Garden with a guided tour of the house and garden.

### **Thursday June 5, 2025, 3.00**

LONDON VISIT – Join Alice Laughton of the Holland Park Ecology Centre for a tour including the woodland side of the park normally closed to the public.

### **Tuesday June 17 - Thursday June 19, 2025**

GARDEN HOLIDAY to Canterbury, staying at the Hampton by Hilton. Three days/two nights.

### **Wednesday July 9, 2025, 6.00 – 7.30**

SUMMER PARTY - Join us at St. George’s Church.

### **Sunday July 6 and Sunday July 20, 2025, 2.00 – 5.30**

GARDEN OPENING – National Garden Scheme  
£5 donation. Harvey Groffman – 57 St. Quintin Ave, W10 6NZ

### **Sunday July 27, 2025, 2.30 – 4.00**

PRIVATE VIEW FOR MEMBERS – National Garden Scheme £5 donation includes tea and cake.  
Harvey Groffman –  
57 St. Quintin Ave, W10 6NZ

### **Saturday September 20, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – Mark Wasilewski LVO, park manager at the Royal Parks, will provide insight into ‘The Queen’s Garden.’

**Saturday October 18, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – PRIZE GIVING

Meet this year's winners, accompanied by slides. Q&A with afternoon tea to follow.

**Saturday November 15, 2025, 2.30**

CLUB MEETING – Andrew Babicz, horticultural journalist, presents the Royal Botanical Garden Edinburgh.

**Saturday December 6, 2025, 12.30**

CLUB MEETING – Enjoy Christmas Lunch with fellow members and a fabulous raffle!

NOTE: Everyone takes part at their own risk. Please be aware all our trips may involve going over uneven surfaces. If you need extra assistance, please arrange this for yourself and let us know when you are making the booking.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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COMPETITION: Nicola – 07949 441662

MEMBERSHIP: Susan – 020 7727 5235

ANYTHING ELSE: Nicola or Fionnuala

Consult our website – [www.kensingtongardeners.co.uk](http://www.kensingtongardeners.co.uk) – for further information and any changes to the programme.