









# NICHOLSONS Club 57

 <p>Thursday 22nd February</p> <p><b>Talk: Bees and pollinators</b></p> <p>Botley Meadow Bees observe natural beekeeping methods. Mark Sandham has kept bees for about 12 years and classes himself as a hobbyist beekeeper. Initially, his aim was to offer honey and beeswax products locally and to spread the word of how wonderful bees are and the importance of supporting them.</p> <p>COST: £10 (including refreshments)</p>	 <p>Thursday 14th March</p> <p><b>Living spring wreath workshop</b></p> <p>Melissa, local florist from Bunch in Bloxham, will teach you how to make a sustainable living wreath using a natural woven willow base, decorated with locally sourced dried flowers, bulbs and foliage. The spring bulbs will come into bud and bloom whilst hung on your door and can be planted in your garden afterwards.</p> <p>COST: £55 (includes all materials, a tutorial, refreshments and canapes)</p>	 <p>Thursday 25th April</p> <p><b>Talk: Skywave Gin</b></p> <p>Skywave gin is the result of adventure-loving founders Rachel Hicks and Andrew Parson's pursuit of the perfect gin. This talk is all about gin: the science of its production and botanicals. Taster samples will be distributed during the event and bottles will be available to purchase.</p> <p>COST: £10 (including refreshments)</p>
 <p>Thursday 16th May</p> <p><b>Garden visit: Rousham Gardens</b></p> <p>We will be having a private talk and tour of these wonderful gardens. Rousham Gardens feature a wonderful walled garden, an abundance of fruit and vegetables and stunning flowers.</p> <p>COST: £10 (including refreshments)</p>	 <p>Tuesday 11th June</p> <p><b>An Evening with Arthur Parkinson</b></p> <p>Join Arthur Parkinson for a demonstration of how to grow, cut and arrange homegrown garden flowers for both yourself at home and for summer parties. Expect a celebration of cottage garden favourites, all arranged into an array of vases and vessels for a jamboree of scent and a carnival of rich colours.</p> <p>COST: £35 (including refreshments on arrival and nibbles)</p>	 <p>Monday 24th June</p> <p><b>Documentary Screening: Six Inches of Soil</b></p> <p>Join us to watch this British independent documentary shining a spotlight on soil health and regenerative farming. The film follows the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities.</p> <p>COST: £15 (including refreshments)</p>
 <p>Wednesday 26th June</p> <p><b>Garden visit: South Newington House</b></p> <p>Visitors will explore the 2 acres of garden, featuring Herbaceous borders, an organic garden, a fruit-filled orchard and a wildlife-welcoming pond. Visitors will also enjoy a trip through the walled parterre planted for seasonal colour, and the family garden with a small menagerie, all beautifully designed to blend seamlessly into the environment; a haven for all.</p> <p>COST: £10 (including refreshments)</p>	 <p>Thursday 19th September</p> <p><b>Garden visit: The Grange, Charlgrove</b></p> <p>There are 11 acres of delightful gardens to enjoy, boasting herbaceous borders and a large expanse of prairie planting. The beautiful lake hosts a planted island accessible through its various bridges and there will also be a visit to the labyrinth, the arboretum, the old orchard and the partly walled vegetable garden.</p> <p>Cost: £10 (including refreshments)</p>	 <p>Thursday 10th October</p> <p><b>Talk: Val Bourne - The Living Jigsaw: the secret life in your garden</b></p> <p>Award-winning garden writer, organic gardener and lecturer, Val Bourne, gardens on the windswept Cotswolds at her home, high above Bourton on the Water. Her third of an acre garden is managed without using chemicals – something she has always believed in. Val is deeply passionate about vibrant, flower-filled gardens that sustain wildlife.</p> <p>COST: £10 (including refreshments)</p>
 <p>Friday 29th November</p> <p><b>Christmas wreath workshop</b></p> <p>Join Melissa for a Christmas wreath workshop in the Orchard Barn followed by a two course festive lunch and a glass of wine in The Yurt.</p> <p>Melissa will teach you how to make a Christmas wreath using natural woven willow base decorated with locally sourced flowers and foliage that is 100% compostable. All materials and guidance provided.</p> <p>COST: £120 (includes all materials, a tutorial, refreshments and lunch)</p> <p>Book <a href="#">here...</a></p>	 <p>Saturday 30th November</p> <p><b>Christmas wreath workshop</b></p> <p>Join Melissa for a Christmas wreath workshop in the Orchard Barn followed by a two course festive lunch and a glass of wine in The Yurt.</p> <p>Melissa will teach you how to make a Christmas wreath using natural woven willow base decorated with locally sourced flowers and foliage that is 100% compostable. All materials and guidance provided.</p> <p>COST: £120 (includes all materials, a tutorial, refreshments and lunch)</p> <p>Book <a href="#">here...</a></p>	 <p>Find opening times online <a href="http://www.nicholsonsgb.com">www.nicholsonsgb.com</a></p>

## About Club 57

United by a love of horticulture, the members of Garden Club 57 attend a range of informative talks and visits to local gardens to gain inspiration and advice throughout the seasons. The calendar to the left outlines our events for 2024. We will be sending out invitations by e-mail prior to each event. Those who have expressed their interest will receive addresses and event-specific details.

RSVP will be essential as only those who have booked in advance will be allowed admission as numbers are limited.

For further information, contact Julie Hillier at [julie@nicholsonsgb.com](mailto:julie@nicholsonsgb.com).

To **join Club 57**, scan the QR code to the right and fill out the form on our website.



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### Where?

Orchard Barn, Nicholsons, North Aston, Bicester Oxfordshire, OX25 6HL

*Or location stated*



# 2024 Schedule

More events to be announced soon!