



*Littlethorpe Manor Gardens – visit 14 September 2023*

# Green Finger Tips

## The Gardening Club of Claxton, Sand Hutton and District



*Burnby Hall Gardens, Pocklington – talk on 2 March 2023*



*Jackson's Wold Gardens – visit 22 June 2023*



*Sion Hill Hall – visit 3 August 2023*

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## 2023 Programme

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## **GREEN FINGER TIPS GARDENING CLUB – 2023 PROGRAMME**

All talks are in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

The 2023 annual membership fee is £12 per person and £3 per meeting for guests.

Please pay your membership subscription electronically using the following details;

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### **2 February - Nunnington Hall Talk by Nick Fraser**

Nick Fraser, who works for the National Trust is a Senior Gardener in charge of Nunnington Hall Gardens, Ormesby Hall and Rievaulx Terrace. He will be giving a photographic presentation of the interesting projects which have happened in all three gardens over the last few years, including the difficult period during Covid.

### **2 March - A talk about Burnby Hall Gardens by Jill Ward, Head Gardener**

Pocklington's unique gardens have justifiably been called "a jewel in Yorkshire's crown" and are home to a National Collection of over eighty varieties of Hardy Water Lilies which bloom on the Upper and Lower Lakes between June and August. Extensively renovated recently gardens include not only the lakes but a rockery, stumpy and an aviary garden.

### **6 April - 'Unnatural Gardening' – Talk by Peter Williams**

Peter was formerly principal lecturer at York St. John University, he is an ecologist, plant physiologist, soil scientist, statistician and gardener. Plant propagation is one of Peter's passions, in particular he grafts rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, cut-leaf maples and fruit. Much is now made of the need to garden naturally and to garden for wildlife. Peter argues that there is no such thing as 'natural gardening'.

### **4 May 2pm - Nunnington Hall Garden Visit YO62 5UY**

The Hall was handed over to the National Trust in 1952 on the death of the then owner. Nick Fraser will lead us round the gardens besides the River Rye. It has a walled garden with mixed borders, orchards and meadows, including an organic garden and picturesque Iris garden. It is particularly colourful in late spring. At the end of the visit, members are welcome to use the cafe.

### **1 June 2.00pm - Visit to Valley Gardens, Harrogate HG1 2SZ**

A guided tour of the award winning, English Heritage Grade II listed Valley Gardens in Harrogate. A delightful 17 acres with an interesting history linked to the development of the town. There are a number of themed gardens, including Japanese, Peat and Sensory.

### **22 June 2.00pm - Visit and tour of Jackson's Wold Gardens YO17 8QJ**

A delightful three acre garden set on top of the Yorkshire Wolds. This beautiful and unusual garden was created in 1984 when enthusiastic and knowledgeable owners Richard and Sarah Cundall moved to Jackson's Wold. Designed to sit in harmony with the surrounding countryside, the garden is a profusion of colour and scent, with some unusual plants and innovative design schemes.

### **3 August 2.00 - 4.30pm – Visit and tour of Sion Hill Hall & Gardens, Kirby Wisk, north of Thirsk, YO7 4EU**

Sion Hill Hall is an Arts and Crafts House built in 1913 and designed by Walter H Brierley, the Luytens of the North. The 5 acre garden has been restored and redeveloped to include a formal parterre, walled kitchen garden, woodland walk and a Centenary rose garden. We will start with a one hour of the house to 'put the garden into context'. This will be followed by a garden tour with owner, Michael Mallaby, who is the creator of the gardens and head gardener too! Refreshments will then be served in the Edwardian kitchens.

### **14 September 2.00pm - Garden visit, Littlethorpe Manor, Littlethorpe HG4 3LG**

Littlethorpe Manor is set in 11 acres of grounds. There are 4 acres of formal gardens and lawns around the house, with 7 acres of parkland below a large retaining wall. The basic structure of the grounds were laid out when Mr & Mrs Thackray purchased the property in 1985. The garden, as seen today, has been developed since 1998.

### **5 October Talk by John Cossham on 'Composting - all you ever wanted to know & more; learn how to compost, compost more & compost better'**

'Compost John' is an experienced & enthusiastic Master Composter who founded York Rotters in 2004 and since then has taught thousands of people about the science and practice of composting. John's main job is as a children's entertainer but his biggest love is recycling food and garden 'waste'. Expect a lively run through the what, how and why of composting, including the more unusual subjects of compost toilets and funerals.

### **2 November Talk by Nigel Stock 'Pests and their control'**

Nigel Stock lives near Helmsley in the North York Moors. He always wanted to work outdoors and this led to him studying Geographical Science at Portsmouth University, specializing in river processes. However when he graduated he bought his first ferret and has been controlling rabbits for over 30 years. This then led to a business opportunity to control rabbits over a 600 acre estate. The farmers then wanted to control the moles then rats and mice and finally the squirrels. Nigel now covers both domestic and agricultural pests, everything from a flea to a fox.

### **7 December – Christmas lunch**

Venue to be confirmed