

U3A Garden Group February Newsletter

Welcome to our February newsletter.

Forty members came along to our recent meeting to hear our speaker, Chris Rowe give an inspiring talk on The Gardens of Monet and Majorelle. Beautiful slides were shown of the artists gardens, giving a glorious feeling of both their love for what they had created and their wonderful artistic talents.

As we see the daylight hours getting longer and our gardens awakening, it is now time to think about the work ahead !



Some jobs that may well keep you busy over the next month:-

- Sowing some seeds - Tomatoes, Peppers, Salad leaves
- Planting bee friendly shrubs such as flowering currant, rosemary, winter honeysuckle etc.,
- Moving deciduous shrubs that maybe in the wrong place
- Pruning of appropriate shrubs such as mophead hydrangeas and buddleja
- There is still time to plant garlic or broad beans if they were not planted in Autumn

Forthcoming Events:-

Our next speaker Nicolas Warlicker will be talking about spring gardens and bulbs. Don't forget to put in your diary for 10th March, location Rushden Hall @ 2pm.

April 14th is your chance to show off some of your own efforts in our plant swap and quiz session, so remeber to plant something extra for the occasion. The event will take place at Masonic Hall Rushden @ 2pm.

If you love to see drifts of snowdrops, there are wonderful displays at the following locations:-

Rockingham Castle - Check opening times
Boughton House - 27th February 13:00 to 17:00

The following garden visits have been organised, book early to avoid disappointment.

12th May Coton Manor.

9th June Thornby HJall (Nagarjuna Kadampa Meditation Centre).

14th July Kew Gardens (organised by Jean Mole special events group).

If you need a lift to either May or June outings please speak with Sue Pack who is organising.

To leave you with some gardening thoughts:-

Q What do you get if you cross a four leaf clover with poison ivy
A A rash of good luck

Q What do you call it when worms take over the world
A Global Worming

Lorraine and Anna