

Autumn 2023 meeting



Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 22nd October 2023**.



In the morning, Val Bourne will speak on "*Plant Passions at Spring Cottage*". It will be a general talk about her garden but will include the use of South African plants such as Crocosmias etc. In the afternoon, Jon Evans will talk about South African bulbs grown at Wildside Nursery in Devon (Keith Wiley's garden); if time permits, Paul Cumbleton will give part 3 of his series of short talks on "*Sorting out the Massonias*".

Val Bourne is a fully paid-up member of Plantaholics Anonymous and she has a south-facing, third-of-an acre garden in the wonderfully named village of Cold Aston, high above Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds. Her plant passions include crocosmias, kniphofias, agapanthus, snowdrops, erythroniums and hardy ferns etc. Val is a life-long organic gardener and she trialed herbaceous plants for the RHS for over 20 years. She's an Ambassador for the Hardy Plant Society and has won numerous awards for her articles and her books.

Directions to the meeting hall. The doors will open at 10.00, and the meeting will close at about 14.30.

As in previous meetings, and subject to any Government requirements or guidelines in place at the time, there will be a display table for any plants that you bring along for others to see. We will have time for some informal discussion during the afternoon, so that members can point out their plants and answer any questions. If you have any slides or computer images that you would like to show, please bring them along.

All who are interested in growing these plants will be welcome. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting will finish at approximately 2:30 p.m. There is an entry fee of £3.00, but parking is free.

There will as usual be a plant display table, plant sales (a good reason to arrive soon after 10:00!), and tea and coffee with biscuits. There will also be some books for sale. You are encouraged to bring along any plants you wish to display or sell, or digital photos to share with the audience. Bring your own lunch, or pop into Sainsbury's next door for a sandwich.

The timetable we plan is as follows:

10am	Doors open for Plant Sales. Tea/coffee available
11am - 12.00	Main talk
12.00 - 1 pm	Lunch
1pm - 2pm	Short talks by members
2pm - 2.30pm	Winding up

More details of our meetings are given on the [meetings page](#).

Directions to the meeting hall

Our next meeting on Sunday 23rd March is at Heath End Village Hall, Heath End Road, Baughurst (near Tadley, between Basingstoke and Reading) RG26 5LU <https://www.heathendvillagehall.co.uk/>

(The following meeting on 19th October 2025 will return to our usual place, Badger Farm, Winchester.)

Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester

[Directions for meetings at Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4QB \(U.K.\)](#)

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. Bring your own lunch, or buy something at Sainsbury's next door.

Future meetings



In addition to the next SABG meeting described above, the following events are planned:

(to be updated)

- **Sunday 22nd October 2023:** The Autumn 2023 SABG meeting, provisional date, details to follow.

Past meetings

See [Past, present and future meetings](#) for brief details of all past meetings.

On Sunday 28th March 2021 we arranged a virtual meeting at 1:30 for 2pm using the Zoom online video-conferencing software.

Jon Evans showed the second part of his talk on "**Plants seen at AGS shows**" for our Zoom meeting at 2pm. This gave a chance for all those members who can't normally travel to our meetings in person to join in. Jon gave us the first part of his talk at our last physical meeting on 6 October 2019 in Winchester.



Our Zoom meeting is at 14:00, on the day the UK moves to British Summer Time (BST, daylight saving), one hour ahead of GMT/UTC. You might miss it if you are a member in the UK or most other European countries and forget to change your watch or clocks, or if you are a member in another country whose time does not change at the same time as ours (e.g. USA, Canada, Australia, etc.) You can see the current time in the UK here: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/uk/london>

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