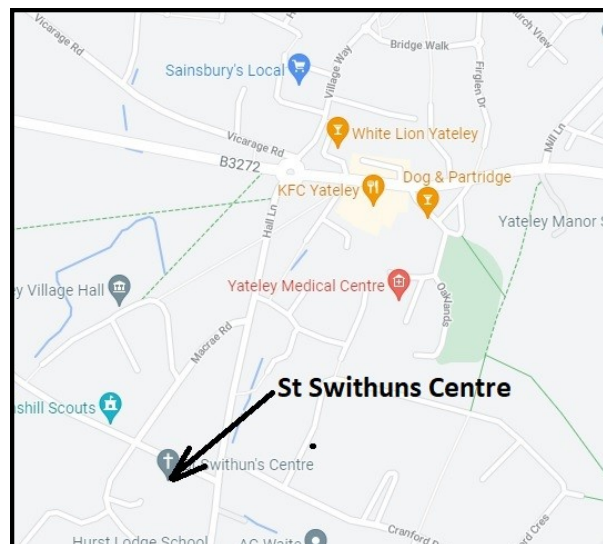


## Talks and visits 2026 in brief

Tuesday 13th January	Speaker - David Bailey 'Good Hare Days'
Tuesday 10th February	Speaker - Souren Ala, 'Persian Gardens'
Tuesday 10th March	59th AGM followed by a talk from Neil Barton on the Basingstoke Canal
Tuesday 14th April	Speaker - Simon Horrill 'Colours in the Garden'
Monday 4th May	May Fayre on the Green
Tuesday 12th May	Speaker - Jean Griffin 'Let's Talk Gardening'
Tuesday 9th June	Talk from Hart Countryside Rangers about their work in the local area
Wednesday 17th June	Private visit to West Green House Gardens with cream tea
Tuesday 30th June	Coach trip to Stourhead and Westcroft Gardens
Tuesday 14th July	Speaker - Helen and Graham Harding Talk 'The Isles of Scilly'
Saturday 29th August	YDGS Annual Flower and Produce Show, St Peter's Church
Tuesday 8th September	Speaker - Kayeleigh Sinclair 'History of Herbs'
Tuesday 13th October	Speaker - Chloe Knight 'Autumn and Winter interest at Wisley'
Tuesday 10th November	Speaker - David Blackwell 'National Collections'
Tuesday 8th December	YDGS Christmas get-together

## Where we meet

St Swithun's Centre, Firgrove  
Road, Yateley, GU46 6NH



Usually 2nd Tuesday of month, no meeting in  
August.

Doors open 7.30 for 8.00pm start unless  
stated otherwise.

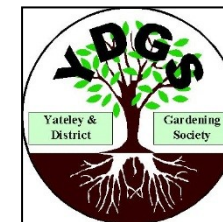
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**Tuesday 13th January - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

David Bailey's talk entitled 'Good Hare Days'

After three intensive years of observing hares David's talk gives an insight into this mystical creature. Elements of the hare behaviour mirrors humans and can be very contradictory, busy, lazy, aggressive, passive, fast, slow, wary, inquisitive!

He will sell his book and greeting cards at the meeting

**Tuesday 10th February - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Souren Ala's talk entitled "Persian Gardens" For the last 23 years he has been engaged in garden design, creation and planting. After a brief run through of the human, geographical and historical context, Souren will look at the char-bagh structure of Persian gardens and illustrate some outstanding examples through time.

**Tuesday 10th March - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Part One: 59th YDGS Annual General Meeting

Part Two: Neil Barton of the Basingstoke Canal Society will talk on this unique canal brought back from the dead!. A charity we supported last year.

**Tuesday 14th April - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Ex Royal Ballet dancer Simon Horrill will be returning with a new and exciting talk entitled "Colours in the Garden".

**Monday 4th May - 10am to 5pm**

May Fayre, Yateley Green

The Society will once again have a stall, selling plants. Volunteers will be welcome to come along and support the Society by selling plants and promoting membership.

**Tuesday 12th May - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Jean Griffin's talk is entitled 'Let's Talk Gardening'

Jean is a Garden expert and reporter for the Gardening Programmes BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex as well as Kent. This includes outside broadcasting at the Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows.

**Tuesday 9th June 7.30pm for 8pm start**

The Hart Countryside Rangers will give a talk on their work in the local area.

**Wednesday 17th June 12-3pm**

Private visit to West Green House Gardens RG27 8JB with guided tour followed by Afternoon Tea with scones in private greenhouse.

Meet in car park (free) at 11.50am.

£30.00 per person but only £20 if National Trust member (please bring NT card) Max 25

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**Tuesday 30th June 09.00 return 18.00**

Coach trip to Stourhead Gardens and House (National Trust) and Westcroft Garden (NGS including tea/cake) on the Wiltshire/Somerest border.

Price £65.00 but National Trust members £46.25.

Please bring your NT card.

Please book directly with Geoff Allen. Tel: 07850 504914

**Tuesday 14th July - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Helen and Graham Harding will give a talk on the Isles of Scilly. Helen is the photographer and Graham is the speaker.

**Saturday 18th July Open Garden 11am - 5pm**

Jackie Corral's Garden, Deron, Old Welmore, Yateley, GU46 6XB Refreshments, crafts, plants, tombola, music.

£2 entry all proceeds to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice website [www.ydgs.org.uk](http://www.ydgs.org.uk).

**Saturday 29th August - 1.30pm to 4.00pm**

YDGS Annual Flower and Produce Show in St Peter's Church. Classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, pot plants, cakes, preserves, handicrafts and children's section.

For Programme and details of classes please refer to our website [www.ydgs.org.uk](http://www.ydgs.org.uk)

**Tuesday 8th September - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Kayeleigh Sinclair's talk is entitled ' The History of Herbs and their impact on human evolution and culture'

**Tuesday 13th October - 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Chloe Knight's talk is entitled ' Autumn and winter interest in the garden and deciduous Euonymus at RHS Wisley.

**Tuesday 10th November 7.30pm for 8pm start**

David Blackwell will talk about National Collections and their importance and has worked at RHS Wisley for nearly 8 years.

**Tuesday 8th December - 7.30pm start**

YDGS Christmas get-together.

Enjoy a tasty buffet and possibly win a prize in the Christmas Raffle . Members only

Annual Membership due

£10

March 2026

Visitors welcome £2

per meeting