

Tetbury and District U3A – Gardening Group

Fifteen people have signed up to join the Gardening Group with interests as diverse as organic vegetable gardening, plant propagation, visiting specialist nurseries, growing from seed, visiting gardens both in Tetbury and farther afield and general meetings to swap ideas and plants.

Subject Areas

U3A is run by the members for the members and the Gardening Group is keen to explore ways to further their knowledge of all things horticultural. The Group consists of both novice and experienced gardeners with the rest of us falling somewhere in between.

The overwhelming choice from discussions at the first meeting is to apply to visit gardens and nurseries where groups have the advantage of visiting when the garden or nursery is closed to the general public.

Other suggestions were to have plant swaps at appropriate times of year, share seeds where required and share ideas for garden design.

We also plan to visit members' gardens, if they feel they would like to share them!

The When and Where

It was decided to meet, where possible, on the first Monday of every month. Discussion meetings will be in the Railway Carriage from 10:00 to 12:00. The day and time may change if we manage to book a group garden visit but members will be notified in advance so they can make arrangements where possible.

Costs

We have to cover our own costs as a group. There will be a small amount payable for the hire of the meeting venue, which will depend on how many are at the meeting. There is also a small charge for the provision of refreshments. Costs may be higher when the group goes on a visit. Those of us with cars will pool resources to get everyone to garden visits.

Next Step

We had our initial meeting on 2nd September when we introduced ourselves and shared our gardening experience. The next meeting is on Monday 7th October and will be a visit to a newly created garden in Tetbury. November's meeting will be on Monday 4th and will be a discussion meeting in the Railway Carriage in Tetbury. Members will be informed by a more detailed email in good time before a meeting.

Anyone who requires more information can email the Group Leader at opheliatheboat@gmail.com