

Winter Lectures 2026

Please note lectures will now start at
7:30 pm in St Joseph and Benildus
Parish Hall, Newtown, X91 W659.

October 7th

Esker Farm Daffodils – “A Year on the Farm, Life as a Daffodil Grower.”
Lots of daffodils for sale including miniatures.

November 4th

Mary Forrest, former Chair of I.G.P.S.
“Inspection Invited” – Powers Nursery, Waterford.

December 13th

Annual Christmas Lunch
12.30pm – 1.00pm
Once again, we will celebrate the festive season with lunch at Faithlegg House Hotel.
€45 per member.

2027

January 13th

This is our A.G.M.
We need committee members, so have your nominations ready.
Followed by John Cunningham – “The Wonder of Bees”.

February 3rd

Colin Jones, Head Gardener at Salterbridge
“My Plant Hunting Expedition to Yunnan in 2024 with the late, sorely missed Seamus O’Brien”.

March 3rd

Paul & Sharron Cutler
“Hanging up the Hosepipe – Dry Gardens are the Future”.

April 7th

Carathach O’Ceallaigh from Clarinbridge Garden Centre - “Grasses and Perennials for Prairie Planting” Plants for sale.

Committee Members

President

Liam Tobin – 087 238 6229

Vice President & Programme Organiser

Margaret Power – 087 220 9026

Treasurer

Bernie Dillon – 087 942 0256

Assistant Treasurer

Tom O’Brien – 051 873 937

Secretary

Maura O’Neill – 087 650 5711

Committee

Marian Lynch
Anne Cullen
George Kavanagh
Geraldine Allen Ross

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The insurance cover organised by the Society applies only to paid-up members & does not extend to non-members. Non-members who attend lectures/garden visits are obliged to pay a fee in order that the society may comply with the requirements of its insurance cover.

This Fee for non-members is €5, or as indicated for each event.

Waterford Garden Plant Society Programme 2026/2027



Fennessy's Oak is a very rare tree species which has a long association with Waterford.

The Society was founded in 1984 by a group of gardening enthusiasts who wished to share their interest & promote gardening. Affiliated to the Royal Horticulture Society of Ireland.

**Yearly Membership Subscription:
€30 per person or €50 per family**

2026

Thursday April 16th - Piltown Evening Visit

Directions: Turn right at Anthony's Inn, Piltown.
Drive straight for 2km, turn right at sign for Mullinavat.
Garden on left after 3km.
7.30pm Meet at Mark and Jane Roper's Garden, Heron Cottage, E32 A254.

Limited parking, please car share.

No charge as society is treating us.

9.00pm Tea/Coffee/Scones at Comerfords Bar, Mooncoin – €5 per person.

Teas must be booked in advance with Maura – 087 650 5711.

Saturday May 9th - Coach Trip to Carlow

9.00am Coach leaves the Quay, Waterford (near Bus Office).
10.30am Arrive at Delta Sensory Gardens, Carlow for a walk through this series of garden rooms, followed by tea/coffee in their café.
12.30pm Leave Delta for short journey to The Arboretum Garden Centre.
Free time for lunch etc. at own expense. Reserved seating for our group.
2.30pm Garden talk on "New & Trusted Perennials".
4.00pm Leave for home.
Cost €25.

May 22nd - Gorey Gardens

9.00am Minibus leaves Quay.
10.30am Cars meet at Tubberduff Garden, Gorey Y25 YP68 for tour of this newly opened garden. Morning coffee and cake.
12.30pm Minibus leaves for short journey back to Ashdown Park Hotel for carvery at own expense.
Cars may go where it suits.
2.30pm Leave Gorey for Inch.
3.00pm Visit Noel Gillices Garden at Butterfield House Y25 PR82.
Large garden, many features, plants for sale (use second entrance).
5.00pm Leave and arrive home approx. 6.15pm.

Bookings to Marian – 086 064 7847 after April 30th. Indicate if travelling by minibus or car. Cost: Minibus + Gardens €50. Gardens only €20

June 1st to June 5th - Annual Garden Holiday

Staying at the 4 Star Castlecourt Hotel, Westport.
Visiting a wide variety of gardens including Foxford Mills and Turlough Park.
Cost sharing €800 pp.
Waiting list in operation.

Thursday June 11th - Glebe House, Bonmahon

7.30pm Meet at members Jim & Marian Cussen's Garden X42 XA07 at Bunmahon.
Lovely garden, fabulous views, tea, sounds like a perfect June evening.
Donations for the Hospice – please give generously.

Saturday June 27th - South Wexford Gardens

9.00am Minibus leaves Quay.
10.00am Cars meet at Green Road Garden, Battlestown, Ramsgrange Y34 WV91.
Lovely interesting garden. Tea served.
12.15pm Minibus leaves for Whitford House Hotel (carvery available at own expense).
Cars may go wherever suits.
2.15pm Leave for 20 minute drive to Scar House & Garden Y35 AE12.
A fascinating garden divided into rooms and tranquil areas to relax.
Tea and cake will be served during the afternoon.

Bookings to Maura, telephone 087 650 5711. Cost minibus and gardens €45. Gardens only €15. Bookings from June 8th.

Monday July 6th

Bookings from 10a.m. to 11.30am for September 5th coach trip with Margaret.
Contact 087 220 9026.

Saturday July 11th - Suir View Garden

Meet at Suirview Garden, Newcastle, Co. Tipperary E91 E242.
Newly opened hilly garden, great plants, views of Suir River Valley.
Tea & cake.
Strictly limited to 30 people.
Plants for sale.

Booking essential with Margaret 087 220 9026. Members must be able to follow Eircode on Google Maps. Cost €10.

Saturday August 8th - Back to Inch

10.30am Meet at Kilmurry Nursery for tour of private garden & garden centre Y25 XK07. Tea/Coffee.
1.30pm Leave for short drive to Mary Reinhardt's Garden, Ballyfoley Y21 C6K7.
Mature garden, nice plants and lovely tea.
Depending on demand, minibus may be available for this outing.

Bookings to Ann 087 650 2067 after July 13th. Cost is €20

Saturday September 5th - Coach Only Outing

8.00am Coach leaves The Quay, Waterford.
9.30am Mini breakfast at Johnstown Garden Centre.
Free time to explore this award-winning garden centre.
11.30am Leave Johnstown.
1.15pm Arrive at The Poppy Garden, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.
Guided tour of this renowned garden. Tea & cake. Plants and artefacts for sale.
3.30pm Leave garden.
5.30pm Supper at Lawlors Hotel, Naas.
Main course with choice, followed by tea/coffee.
Total Cost: €70