

# Special Tuesdays

## free talks in the garden

Talks at 11am.  
Thirty minutes every Tuesday will give you a gardening course in a nutshell!

No need to book  
(but groups by arrangement please)  
Talk included with garden entry - £5  
OR - buy a season ticket for £25

What's happening week by week. Watch the garden change through the seasons. Or just come once for a subject you are interested in

- 19 April Spring Pruning
- 26 April Staking Perennials
- 3 May Tulip Mania
- 10 May How to Sow a Cutting Patch
- 17 May Planting Up My Pots
- 24 May The Chelsea Chop
- 31 May Generous Self-Sowing Plants
- 7 June Umbels
- 14 June Poppies
- 21 June Sow Next Year's Flowers Now
- 28 June Midsummer Madness
- 5 July Plants for Dry Shade
- 12 July Big Bold and Beautiful
- 19 July Slash and Burn
- 26 July Don't Be Afraid of Orange
- 2 Aug Salvia Extravaganza
- 9 Aug Taking Cuttings
- 16 Aug Gravel Gardening
- 23 Aug Daisy Day
- 30 Aug Late Summer Colour
- 6 Sept Grasses
- 13 Sept Collect Your Own Seed
- 20 Sept Prairie Perennials
- 27 Sept Ferns and Friends
- 4 Oct Autumn Sowing
- 11 Oct Planting Up Winter Pots
- 18 Oct Use Your Greenhouse
- 25 Oct Grand Autumn Plant Sale

## Half Day Gardening Courses

### MAKING HAZEL PLANT SUPPORTS

Thursday 7 April

Cutting hazel wands and weaving them into informal shapes to support both large and small plants. Practise in my garden. Ornamental, creative, energetic and useful!  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-1pm £50

### SOWING SEEDS

Thursday 28 April

How to sow seeds. When to sow different kinds of seeds. Composts. Dealing with dormancy. Pricking out and caring for seedlings. Take home seeds you have sown.  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-1pm £50

### CREATING A BORDER

Thursday 19 May

Making sure your garden looks good all year. Using colour, planting styles and plant selection to get the most from your garden. Designing for successional flowering.  
Taught by Mary Payne 10am-1pm £50

### GRAVEL GARDENING

Thursday 2 June

How to design, make and maintain a gravel garden. Why plants love it. The best plants to grow there. Why it is very nearly the No Work Garden.  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-1pm £50

### GARDENING IN THE SHADE

Thursday 9 June

What influence does shade have on plants and on your plant selection? What are the best plants to grow in dry shade and in damp shade. Woodland gardening.  
Taught by Mary Payne 10am-1pm £50

### GARDENING FOR THE FUTURE

Thursday 14 July

How can we adapt our planting styles and gardening habits? Gardening without plastics. Controlling weeds, pests & diseases without chemicals. Sustainable planting.  
Taught by Mary Payne 10am-1pm £50

### COLLECTING SEED

Thursday 4 August

How to tell when seed is ripe. How to collect, clean & store seed. Harvest, clean and package seeds from Derry's garden to take home.  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-1pm £50

### GRASSES AND PERENNIALS

Thursday 25 August

What ornamental grasses and herbaceous perennials each have to offer and why they are so complementary. How to combine them for best effect.  
Taught by Mary Payne 10am-1pm £50

### PRUNING

Thursday 22 September

How to prune shrubs, perennials, grasses and fruit trees for form, vigour and flowering. When to prune, why to prune, when not to prune.  
Taught by Mary Payne 10am-1pm £50

### GARDENING UNDER GLASS

Thursday 29 September

How to get the most from your greenhouse, polytunnel or coldframe. Starting off young plants, overwintering tender plants. Gardening all year round.  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-1pm £50

## Full Day Gardening Workshops

### TAKING CUTTINGS

Thursday 12 May

*repeated on Thursday 8 September*

Learn how new plants grow from cuttings. How to take cuttings and when. Composts, timing, aftercare. Have a go with the plants in Derry's garden. Take home your cuttings.  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-4pm £100

### GROWING PLANTS FOR SALE Two days

Thursday & Friday 13 & 14 October

Which plants to grow. Where to grow them. Who to sell them to. Where to sell them. How to market yourself. Composts, pots, labelling, pricing, equipment. Costs, planning and record keeping.  
Taught by Derry Watkins 10am-4pm £200

*Please book all courses on line at [www.specialplants.net](http://www.specialplants.net)  
If you have any problems, ring us on 01225 891686.*

*Numbers are limited to allow as much hands on experience as possible. If a course is full, you can sign up for the waiting list online. Courses are repeated if they fill up so other dates often become available.*

*Homemade lunch is included on full day courses. You are welcome to bring a picnic to eat in the garden after half day courses.*

*SPECIAL OFFER. 10% off plants in the nursery on the days you attend a course.*

## The Nursery

Our nursery is organised according to the needs of the plants - 'Plants for Damp Shade', 'Plants for Dry Sun', 'Tender Plants'. There is always something exciting to see. New plants and old friends in full flower.

The staff are all keen gardeners, happy to talk about plants and gardening. Bring along a sketch of your garden, and we will talk you through what plants might thrive for you.

We have begun doing mail order of young plants during the growing season. Please see website.

From March through October the nursery will be open from 10am to 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday.



“Derry Watkins’ garden and nursery, Special Plants, is a delight for plantaholics”

Tom Brown, Gardens Illustrated

## The Garden

GARDEN OPEN DAYS 2022: Our garden will be open on all our **Special Tuesdays** April - Oct And every Wednesday in July and August. And for NGS on the third Thursday of the month: June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15 and Oct 20.

All 10:30am - 5pm. £5 each. Homemade teas. Group visits (6 or more people) by arrangement.



### NURSERY OPENING HOURS:

From March through October we are open 10am - 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

### GARDEN OPENING HOURS:

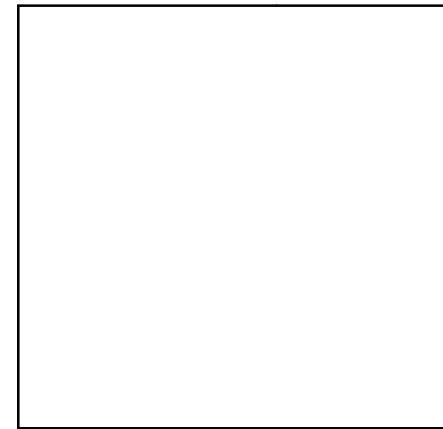
Tuesdays April through October.

Wednesdays July and August.

3rd Thursdays for NGS June through October.

All 10:30am - 5pm £5 each

**DIRECTIONS:** **Special Plants** is seven miles north of Bath, left off the A46 just before A420 roundabout. Or four miles south of the M4 (junction 18), right off the A46 just after A420 roundabout. We are the other side of the A46 from Cold Ashton village.



“A treasure trove of plants”

Dan Pearson, The Guardian

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our garden  
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