



Thames Valley Network

## Study Day

# Gardening in the Thames Valley

Friday 26 June 2015

Waterperry Gardens Nr. Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1JZ



The Thames Valley area has a wealth of private and public gardens with a great variety of plants and garden designs. Waterperry Gardens are a special place where beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers, classical borders, modern planting, secret corners and long vistas surround you. Home to the renowned horticultural college between 1932 and 1971, over the past twenty years the gardens have developed and grown. You'll now find a Formal Garden, the Mary Rose Garden, a Water lily Canal and the Long Colour Border, and a small arboretum in the meadow area.

The two speakers are:

**Richard Roslyn**, Head Gardener at Blewbury Manor. Richard is a popular speaker with U3A and local gardening groups.

**Stuart Mabbutt**, is a wildlife gardening specialist. He also broadcasts on Radio Cherwell on wildlife issues.

The Study Day provisional programme is:

10:00	Arrive/Registration/Coffee
10:30	Introduction
10:45	Speaker 1 – Richard Roslyn on gardening with bulbs, corms and tubers
11:45	Speaker 2 - Stuart Mabbutt on wildlife and wildlife gardening
13:00	LUNCH
14:00	Group tours of the gardens, each led by a member of the Waterperry Gardening staff. The tour will last approximately one hour.
15:15	Q&A with Waterperry staff
16:00	Summary and close.

You will be able to return to the gardens, using your study day pass. Or you can chose to visit the Saxon Church, the Rural Museum or the Garden Shop.

The Study Day Fee is £15.00. This includes participation in the full programme plus coffee/tea on arrival. A buffet/sandwich lunch is available for £6.00. Members of U3As not affiliated to the Thames Valley Network are welcome at an additional fee.

The gardens are on a level site; push wheelchairs and one motorised scooter are available. Please call 01844 339226 before visiting to if you wish to book one.

Further information can be obtained from :

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