

## **FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME NOTES FOR WEBSITE**

**Details for all events will appear on our website with a link to book via TicketSource.**

### **SUMMER PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 5th August 2pm**

**Private Visit to the Gardens at Upton Court, Upton Nervet, Berkshire**

Located in the picturesque village of Upton Nervet in the stunning Berkshire countryside, we will enjoy a private visit to the Manor House, a Grade 1 listed building, dating back to the Norman Conquest, and nestled in 16 acres of secluded grounds. We will visit the grounds and gardens including the Grade II listed walled garden and terrace, traditional herb garden, the breath-taking Dell, and the sweeping driveway lined with ancient oak trees. Tea and light refreshments will be provided.

### **AUTUMN AND WINTER EVENTS**

**Friday 10th October 6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**AGM followed by a talk by Alex Denman, former RHS Chelsea Flower Show Manager and Head of Shows Development**

Drawing on her extensive experience with the Flower Show, Alex's talk will focus on the history of the Chelsea Flower Show, its many design influences and fashions, leading lights, and recent developments in garden design.

**Wednesday 19th November 7pm**

**Zoom Talk: A talk by Ursula Buchan on the life and work of Valerie Finnis**

Valerie Finnis led an extraordinary life not least as a famous photographer, plantswoman, member of the Blomsbury Group, judge at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and teacher at the Waterperry School of Horticulture for Women. Ursula Buchan, professional gardener and gardening writer, was a long-term friend and mentee of Valerie Finnis, and executor of her will and is now chairman of the Finnis Scott Foundation.