Report for the July 2022 Storrington Horticultural society meeting.

We welcomed Pip Bensley to our July meeting who gave us a very interesting talk, beautifully illustrated with slides about ‘Wall plants and Climbers’.

Many of you will have heard Pip Bensley who is a regular guest on the radio gardening programme ‘Dig It’ or may have read her book on Climbers and Wall plants.

Pip Bensley had a long career with Hillier Garden Centers where she was the buyer for their 12 outlets covering a wide range of plants and has a wealth of knowledge on climbing and wall plants.

She is also a keen floral designer with 3 Chelsea Gold medals for her exhibits in the Floral Studio and an accredited RHS judge at their shows including the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show.

In her presentation she highlighted what you need to do for successful Wall and Climbing plants from ground preparation, position in the garden to those varieties that cling by themselves to those requiring support, as well as ongoing care for your climbers to get the very best from them

She highlighted a number of interesting ideas for mixing and matching plants including climbers to provide all year colour and interest

And in conclusion some amusing and lesser known details about climbers such as similar to water climbers in the Northern hemisphere climb anti clockwise where as in the Southern hemisphere they climb clockwise.

The evening ended with a raffle

At our September 9th meeting, to be held as usual at the Storrington Village Hall commencing 7.30pm Andrew Gaunt will be giving an illustrated talk about Ginger Lillies.

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