

Tulips, Topiary, Tradecanth and Thyme: seventeenth century gardens by Janet Few



This talk is delivered by Mistress Agnes on one of her rare visits from the seventeenth century.

She will describe gardening and the importance of gardens their time, ranging from the country house gardens of Inigo Jones to the labourers' cottage gardens.

Find out how vital gardens were to the household economy of our ancestors and how various plants could be used. *What would be eaten? Which plants were used in the production of textiles? What form of pest control was used? Why do we plant bay trees outside our door? What plants have a household use? How can plants be used to cure illnesses?*

Mistress Agnes will answer all these questions and share her experience of the Stuart period.

Janet Few is a family, social and community historian who lectures on these topics across the English-speaking world.

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