

GARDENER'S GAZETTE

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SPRING SHOW

Saturday 19th March 2011

Deverell Hall, Purbrook

Doors open 2.00pm

All welcome – refreshments available

Diary 2011

3 rd Feb	Dr Owen Plunkett	A Talk about the South Downs
3 rd Mar	Philip Green	'My approach to natural history photography'
7 th April	Carol Gubler	From Little Brook Fuchsias
5 th May	Jan Mitchell	'From garden to glass, home wine making
2 nd June	Skittles Evening	Anson Rooms, Anson Road, Waterlooville
7 th July	Mrs Jill Cross	A local lady talking about 'Pop's Allotment'
4 th August	Dr Alick Jones	Birds & Gardens - Perfect Partners

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Magazine, Cards and Equipment Loans

There is a selection of Society Magazines, Privilege Cards and garden equipment available for loan to Members, against a signature at the Membership Desk in the Store.

Magazine

The Garden – Journal of the RHS
National Dahlia Society Bulletin
The Rose
Chrysanthemum Society
National Vegetable Society
Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies – Monthly Bulletin

Cards

RHS Reduced Garden Entry (+1 guest) – not Wisley on Sundays
National Vegetable Society
Royal National Rose Society
National Chrysanthemum Society
National Dahlia Society

Equipment

Lawn Spreaders (2) £1 charge towards replacement costs
Leaf Vac/Blower (2) £2 non-returnable
Lawn Rakes and leads (4) £2 deposit, refundable on return

Anyone borrowing an item is required to return it within two weeks, so that other Members may have the opportunity to use it.

Folding Tables may also be borrowed (£1 per table)

CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLINGS

The weather for the AGM was dire; heavy snow and cold; so the Committee decided to cancel and hold the meeting in the New Year. Please watch the Notice Board at the Store for the rearranged date. It certainly caught us on the hop; let alone the council, etc. One good thing that might come out of the cold weather will be the reduction in pests; so hopefully we could have a good beginning to the new season.

Don't forget our Spring Show to be held on Saturday 19th March. Seeing all the spring flowers on display always brightens the start of the growing season, so if you have taken the time to nurture some bulbs or plants why not try putting them in the show. Schedules are available at the Store or by post if you let a committee member know. There are lots of classes; for beginners as well as for the more experienced among you. Don't hesitate to ask if you need help.

Here's to some good gardening!!

Richard Knight

STOP PRESS

A.G.M. will be held after the March Meeting – 3rd March.

Due to obvious time constraints the meeting will be kept as brief as possible.

Chairman

MEMBERSHIP HITS PURPLE PATCH

The 2010 (green) membership cards have now expired. New 2011 (purple) cards may be purchased from the Store on Saturday Mornings, at the Thursday evening meetings or by post. The membership fee for 2011 remains unchanged at £5 per year per household (0% inflation!). As always, if you are unable to get to the Store or attend the Thursday meetings you may renew your membership by sending a cheque for £5 (payable to PHS) to the Membership Secretary. If a sae is enclosed your card will be sent out at the earliest opportunity. If no sae is enclosed the card will be sent out with the next gazette. Please note that this present Gazette will be the last one sent out to those who have not renewed

their membership by mid-April 2011.

Graham

POTATO VARIETIES AVAILABLE AT THE STORE

The weather has made some of the usual varieties unavailable this season so Brian, the Store Manager, has chosen the following: a brief description given by the wholesalers follows the name.

CASABLANCA: A new highly recommended first early producing good quality and yields offering uniform white partly mottled red uniform tubers with shallow eyes. Good quality skin finish and dry matter, good taste, Resistant Foliage and Tuber blight.

CHARLOTTE: A good early/second early, tubers long, flesh yellow, skin yellow, eyes shallow, yield fair/good, virus fair/good, blight fair/good, gangrene, dry rot, skin spot, scab fair/poor, very suitable for fresh market, Excellent cooking quality.

DESIREE: An early main crop, medium to large, long oval tubers with smooth red/purple skin, flesh pale yellow, eyes shallow to medium, moderately early to sprout, yields well, suitable for boiling, frying, chipping, susceptible to common scab, leaf roll, moderately resistant to blight, gangrene, dry rot and skin rot.

LADY CHRISTL: A first early with long oval tubers, yellow skin and light yellow flesh, high yielding but susceptible to foliage blight and powdery scab, good resistance to common scab and virus y, susceptible to black dot, skin spot and silver scurf, low to medium dry matter.

MARFONA: A second early, tubers exceptionally uniform, large round/oval, cream coloured flesh, natural yellow skin, shall eyes, cooking quality good, a high level of resistance to damage, good disease resistance, resistance to drought, internal bruising good, high freedom from discolouration, both uncooked and cooked, resistance to foliage blight moderate, tuber blight very good, average for gangrene, common scab and slug damage, moderate to leaf roll, resistant to wart disease and virus y.

MARIS PIPER: An early main crop with large oval and uniform tubers, yellow skin, shallow eyes, flesh cream coloured, stores well, cooks slightly mealy, usually free from blackening, good for boiling, chipping and roasting, resistant to eelworm type a, susceptible to blight, common scab, skin spot, resistant to gangrene, leaf roll.

YOUR SHOW NEEDS YOU

The 2011 Spring show on Saturday 19th March will, as usual, be held at the Deverell Hall. The Show is held primarily for the benefit of our members and needs your participation to make it a success. How can you participate? Well let's see ----

1. Enter an exhibit in the Show.

Our exhibitors are the most important part of the show and without them we wouldn't have a show

If you have gone to the trouble of nurturing exhibits for the show – THANK YOU very much and I wish you weather conditions that bring them to perfection for the show. If you haven't considered entering an exhibit, but have planted some spring bulbs you will almost certainly have potential entries for one or more classes. We have tried to make it possible to enter almost any spring bulbs growing in a pot (provided the pot does not exceed the size specified) and any pot or garden grown daffodil stems.

So get yourself a schedule and have a go at getting some of your bulbs in flower for the show. If you have spring flowering shrubs in your garden, do have a look at them about a week before the show – you may well have entries in the flowering shrub class.

You may also consider assembling a planted container exhibit. It is not too late to start since, for this class, you can use plants recently purchased from a nursery. Credit is given both for the quality of the individual flowering plants and the appearance of the overall exhibit so you can give free rein to both your horticultural and artistic talents. An added benefit of this class is that you can enjoy your exhibit at home both before and after the show.

2. Sponsor the Show.

There is no fee to enter exhibits – so we welcome you to sponsor your favourite classes to help defray the cost of the prize money. To sponsor a class, it is customary to cover the total prize money for that class – amounts can be found in the Schedule. Sponsorship sheets will be available at our monthly meetings in February and March and at the store on Saturdays. To sponsor a class, put your name on the list, with the class number you wish to sponsor and the sponsored amount and then give the appropriate amount to Brian Andrews directly or to the person manning the desk at the store.

3. Provide items for sale at the show.

At the show we sell refreshments - hot drinks and slices of cake. We also sell jams, chutneys and cakes provided by our members. These sales help defray the cost of the show, so we welcome offers of these items from our members. If you are able to give us any cakes we can slice up or sell whole, jams and chutneys then please contact Betty Clark – her details can be found on the cover of this gazette.

If we can lay our hands on any saleable plants for this time of year, we have a plant stall. If you have any suitable plants you can give us, then please bring them along – either before the show starts or just after and we will use them on the plant stall and thank you profusely.

4. Help set up and run the show.

On the morning of the show we need a few helpers from 8am to 9am to set up and arrange tables etc. If you can help, please contact me as soon as possible.

We also need two stewards – one to assist the spring flower judge and one to assist the Floral Art judge. If you have never stewarded before I welcome you to volunteer as a steward since we then hope to have you hooked for stewarding at the Summer show when we need twenty stewards. Stewarding starts at about 9am when the stewards help me direct exhibitors to the correct classes and juggle the space allowances. After staging we then may have to do some tidying up prior to the judging. The steward accompanies the judge during judging, reports results after each class is judged and calls on me if the judge raises any issues. Stewarding duties end at about 1pm. If you would like to volunteer as a Spring Show steward please contact me.

From the public's point of view, the most important helpers are those who help Betty prepare and sell the refreshments. If you can help, please contact Betty.

5. Visit the Show.

If you cannot oblige with any of the above – then please play your part by visiting the Show on the Saturday afternoon – doors open at 2pm. Entry is by donation, but be generous and help the show to break even. From past experience the spring flower and Floral Art displays will be excellent and hall will be filled with the scent of daffodils and hyacinths. The Show is also a social occasion with visitors taking the opportunity to catch up with friends over a cup of tea and a slice of excellent cake. It's so good that you may well be

tempted to buy one of the cakes on sale. For excitement we offer you the chance to buy a few raffle tickets – The prizes are usually very good and you never know your luck.

See you at the Show!

Charles Mobsby - Show Secretary

“DESPERATE”

I hope you have all stayed active through this rather cold period and are now looking forward to the spring flowers.

Over the last year I have not had enough jam jar donations to keep me going through 2011. I am happy to grow the fruit, buy the sugar and make the preserve, but I refuse to buy new jam jars. This is a desperate **plea for 11b jam jars**; 99.9% of the money raised selling preserve goes the PHS for funds and another charity. As a result this year will be difficult, unless you can find all those jars you have tucked away. Please bring them to the store on Saturday mornings 9.30-11.30, or the meetings. If you have a large number of jam jars donations please give me a ring.

Thank you for all your help and a Happy New Year..

Betty

TREASURER'S ABBREVIATED AGM REPORT

At first sight the outturn figures indicate that it has been a good year for the Society financially, but the reality is not quite so rosy.

Although the General a/c deficit of £693.58 appears much better than last year, due in part to decreased expenditure on our Shows, if the additional £330 Gazette cost, that slipped into the next year, is included, the figure would be in excess of £1000. However, the main concern is the large drop in income at the Store, roughly £2,400, or 15% compared to last year. As a result we finished this year with an additional £2,000 of unsold stock. This is included in the final net asset figure of £1,406, which also includes over £700

from the Floral Art account. We must hope that this has just been an exceptionally bad year and that things will pick up again in 2011.

TRADING REPORT

As apparent from the financial figures, our trading level over the year has been very disappointing. At last year's AGM I was able to report a 7% increase, this year it is a 15% decrease. It was noticeably quiet throughout the summer and we can only speculate as to why. Perhaps the earlier enthusiasm for 'grow your own' has been overtaken by the realities of the recession. Certainly we cannot match the apparent bargains like 3 for 2 or 50% off that you see in local garden centres. Of course their margins are much higher than our 10%. If we sell you something for £1.10, it will have cost us £1.00, so we have no scope for further reductions. Also, bear in mind that there are not many places selling the quality of composts etc. that we stock.

If you have been to the Store recently I hope you noticed the effort that has been put in to tidy up the outside area and make it less of an eyesore. We also have plans to make the frontage more attractive to passers by. We would be pleased to hear any other suggestions you may have as to how we might improve trade.

On a positive note, Summer bulbs are on order and should be available in Jan. and we have taken early delivery of our bulk stock for the year ahead in order to beat the increase in VAT on 1st Jan.. Quantities have been based on sales over the last year. Although some prices have gone up a little, others have gone down which should help compensate.

This year we have a new catalogue from our main supplier, Warwicks, and it now includes a wide range of DIY and household items that are obtainable through us at a discount. The catalogue will be available at the Store.

All the indications are that seed potatoes are going to be in short supply this year due to crop failures and disease problems. Ours are on order, but some of the popular varieties such as Accent, Foremost and Kestrel will not be available; however we will have recommended alternatives as identified in the Chairman's article.

You may have heard that we have been approached by the local Residents Association to help with planting bulbs along the A3 as part of improving the Community and Environment. We will also be supplying the bulbs, for which a small grant is being sought. But we will need the ground to thaw in order to plant them.

Finally, as usual, I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way at the Store over the year and of course all the members who have supported it.

Brian Andrews – Trading Manager

SECRETARY REPORT AGM 2010

Membership for 2010 reached 517.

The society receives regular publications from the affiliated National Associations, which

can be borrowed from the shop, along with the reduced price entry cards to the RHS gardens.

Store trading is down this year. Any suggestions on improvements will be welcome.

The monthly meetings have been very well attended. Thank you to the speaker organiser for arranging these interesting speakers. The Pumpkin & Quiz evening was a great success, enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the organisers of the Trips & Outings for their hard work at arranging these very enjoyable trips this year (and for the decent weather).

To celebrate 70 years of the Club, there is an evening of skittles with a meal arranged for 2nd June. Or just come along for the meal, at Waterloo Football Club, Aston Road Waterloo. Tickets must be purchased before the event.

To the Catering Team a big thanks for their hard work & commitment at providing the refreshments at the monthly meeting & the buffet at the Pumpkin evening. As well as the excellent fare at the Spring & Summer shows.

The Floral Art Club has been well attended this year with interesting demonstrations, fun workshops & social evenings.

The Gazette editor would like to thank all contributors & would be grateful for any suggestions or articles for future publications.

The School Trophy competition was a great success & well supported, with other local schools showing an interest in participating. Members work with these schools was recently highlighted in the Growing Communities Magazine.

The Society's website is being continuously up-dated, and Richard has stated he will take this over.

The Spring & Summer shows were well attended, with a large variety of classes for all the family & all abilities.

The Society has remained stable throughout 2010. However, if anyone has any suggestions (for either the Society or the shop) these will be gratefully received. As would any new member.

Thank you for your support throughout 2010.

Helen Twitchen - Secretary

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2010				
GENERAL A/C				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	GAIN/LOSS	
	£	£	£	
Shows	1,786.93	2,621.03	-834.10	
Plant & Tool Sales	1,307.00		1,307.00	
Sale of Preserves	138.35		138.35	
Gazette		1,537.51 *	-1,537.51	
Meetings	233.13	1,042.08	-808.95	
Pumpkin Social & Fed. Quiz	150.20	157.01	-6.81	
Evening Trip	211.00	280.00	-69.00	
Subscriptions	2,316.00		2,316.00	
Bank Interest	7.16		7.16	
Insurance		650.81	-650.81	
Affiliation Fees		133.00	-133.00	
Copier Income/Maintenance	5.65	12.00	-6.35	
Beneficial Foundation Sub.		83.00	-83.00	
Table/Gazebo Hire	45.00		45.00	
Website Annual Cost		85.00	-85.00	
Admin		59.40	-59.40	
Miscellaneous & Donations	75.00	308.16	-233.16	
	6,275.42	6,969.00	-693.58	
* Payment of £330 for 4th issue slipped into next year				
TRADING ACCOUNT				
	£	£		
Sales Income		14,158.20		
Opening Stock	8,055.55			
Add: Purchases	13,971.30			
	22,026.85			
Less: Closing Stock	10,075.80			
		11,951.05		
		2,207.15		
Less: Operating Costs				
Rent to Havant B.C.		250.00		
Other		275.64		
Excess Income Over Expenditure		1,681.51		
NET CURRENT ASSETS AT 31st OCTOBER 2010				
	2010	2009	GAIN/LOSS	
Current Assets:	£	£		
GIRO Deposit Account	9039.31	9982.15		
GIRO Current Account	559.01	421.31		
Total Cash in Hand	882.07	576.31		
Trips Account	748.45	736.32		
Floral Art Account	1468.14	1108.73		
Stock		75.00		
Store Stock (Cost VAT incl.)	10075.80	8055.55		
Copier	20.00	20.00		
Lidl Tables (depreciated)	605.00	672.00		

	23,397.78	21,647.37		
Current Liabilities:				
Stock not paid for at 31st Oct.	272.84	258.53		
Deverell Hall for October	51.50	51.50		
Gazette Printing	330.00	0.00		
	654.34	310.03		
Net Current Assets	22,743.44	21,337.34		1,406.10

TONY'S INTER SCHOOLS ANNUAL TROPHY 2011 (SPONSORED BY TRANSIT MAN)

Classes for our Inter Schools Trophy 2011 are as follows:

1. Draw a flower/vegetable or piece of fruit grown in the School Garden (maximum A4 size please)
2. Decorate a pair of Wellington Boots (maximum of 2 pairs per school please)
3. Using fruit/ vegetables grown in the School Garden, create a 2 course meal (send in recipe and photograph of the meal)
4. Craft a centrepiece for the dinner table entitled "Gardeners Delight".
5. Produce a montage entitled "The Four Seasons" (any medium may be used but please only send a photograph of the finished article)

Entry forms to be in by 31st December 2010

Entries to be in by 1st June 2011.

Lynda Piddington

WHERE DID ALL THE PUMPKINS GO?

At the store over a hundred pumpkin and squash plants were sold. Phil Stock had grown "New England Pie" and "Atlantic Giant" and other varieties were donated by various club members. You would think that this prolific amount of squashes and pumpkins would have overwhelmed the hall on Pumpkin Show Evening but sadly no.

The Pumpkin Show was accompanied by a quiz and a supper and all who attended enjoyed themselves and pronounced the evening a success. The entries were a little disappointing especially for the giant pumpkin class and your committee are thinking of ways to improve the show for next year. One idea is to provide more classes so that those who are unable to grow a "giant" can find a class to enter. Another idea is to broaden the scope of the quiz to include a general knowledge section for those whose main interest is not horticulture.

There are varieties of pumpkins suitable for growing in pots. The chosen culinary pumpkin variety for this year will be "Small Sugar". In the meantime you can be assured

that Phil will be monopolizing all my greenhouse space to grow the plants for “The Grand Pumpkin Show 2011” which is a good round off to the growing season.

Helen Stock

PALS

PALS stands for Partnership for Activities Leisure Scheme. It is a charity for disabled children and young adults aged 7 to 25 years old in the Havant, Waterlooville, Portsmouth and East Hants area. There are 3 members of staff; a Development Officer who deals with the day to day running of PALS, a Co-ordinator who arranges the activities and oversees the volunteers and an Activities Leader who runs the events. The young people are looked after by the volunteers who are aged 16-25 years old and have been trained. They help the young people do the activities, push the wheelchairs, help with toileting and just to be friends with them.

Each month a programme is sent out with a list of activities such as bowling, horse riding, cinema or craft days. The young people then say which activities they want to do.

Because of my own disabilities I was a ‘young person’ at PALS. I enjoyed it and went to places like Calshot Activity Centre. There we did climbing, archery, canoeing and caving.

I have done some great activities with PALS and everyone was friendly and helpful. Over the years I have gained in confidence and now am a volunteer myself. PALS helped me when I was younger, so now I want to thank them by giving something back.

Kathryn Bate

TRIPS REPORT 2010

Thank you for everyone who supported this years trips, we had some lovely days out and very lucky with the weather again. I would also like to thank everyone for being so kind and patient when Bill was taken poorly on our day out to Athelhampton, you will be pleased to know that he is fine and back driving again.

I tried to keep the prices down as low as possible and as you can see from the audit only made £12 profit.

It is nice to see more of our members enjoying our days out and it would be good to see a few more.

A Happy New Year to you all

Ann Richardson

TRIPS FOR 2011

I am organising the following trips for this year, the prices quoted will be approximate because of the fuel crisis they could be dearer or cheaper. Because of this I will need a £15 deposit; this covers the cost of a seat on the coach and will be non-refundable unless there is someone available to take a place. I have consulted my crystal ball and have chosen fine weather days again with luck.

SUNDAY 8TH MAY SHERBORNE CASTLE & LAKESIDE GARDENS £23 HHA
Members £15

Built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594, Sherborne Castle has been the home of the Digby family since 1617. Prince William of Orange was entertained here & George III in 1789. Splendid state rooms and collections of Art, Furniture and Porcelain are on view in the Castle, also Raleigh's kitchen and fine family artefacts and 'find' from the Old Castle in the cellars. There is a Fossil & Archive display as an extension of Dorset's world famous Jurassic coast. Capability Brown created the lake in 1753 and gave Sherborne the very latest in landscape gardening.

The Lakeside tea room serves snacks and light lunches, and there is a gift shop and it is only a short walk to the town and Abbey.

Disabled access- ground floor only- gardens unrestricted.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE OSTERLEY PARK & HOUSE £22 N.T. Members £15

Osterley Park and House is a spectacular 18th century mansion surrounded by gardens, park and farmland, is one of London's best kept secrets. Designed by Robert Adam the leading architect and interior designer of his day, the interiors of the House continue to dazzle and impress visitors today.

The National Trust have been restoring the gardens, the focal point of the formal garden is Mrs Childs flower garden and for the first time in many years displays of colourful plants and fruit trees have been returned to the Garden House.

There is a licensed tea room in the stable block serving lunches & teas. N.T. shop & electric courtesy bus. Disabled use of a stairclimber and garden has level paths.

SUNDAY 17TH JULY CHENIES MANOR AND PLANT & GARDEN FAIR £24

This grade 1 listed building known formerly as Chenies Palace, was owned by the Cheyne family who were granted the Manorial rights in 1180. Both Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I visited the house on many occasions. It was bought by the Macleod Matthews family in 1950 who commenced a long process of restoration which continues to this day. Most recently the 16th century pavilion was restored and a basement storey was uncovered containing numerous interesting architectural features.

In the centre of the house is an unusual spiral staircase and in this area footsteps are still heard crossing the gallery, possibly those of Henry VIII towards his then Queen Catherine Howard's room. The Manor is surrounded by five acres of enchanting gardens. The famous Plant & Garden Fair with 70 specialist nurseries is on the day of our visit, entry to the house will be at 2p.m.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER WATERPERRY GARDENS £19

Waterperry gardens are steeped in history, with the famous purely herbaceous border

dating back to the 1930s when Beatrix Havergal established her Ladies Horticultural School. Running the length of the old kitchen garden wall, the border provides interest from May to September. New designs have been incorporated into the 8 acre gardens over the years, knot garden, herb border, water lily canal and herbaceous nursery stock beds from which all plants are sold in the plant centre. Island beds designed by nurseryman Alan Bloom, alpine garden and riverside walk.

As well as an art gallery, small rural life museum, teashop, restaurant and shop.

Waterperry is an oasis of calm and beauty within easy reach of Oxford.

Disabled access good.

PURBROOK FLORAL ART CLUB

The Floral Art Club is affiliated to The Purbrook Horticultural Society (PHS) and welcomes both beginners and experienced flower arrangers. New members can join for an annual subscription of £20 per year plus a £5 PHS membership, which includes entry to most demonstrations and workshops. Guests are always welcome at a cost of £4.50 per evening.

All meetings are held at the Deverell Hall, Purbrook (unless otherwise stated) on the second Thursday of the month. Doors open at 7pm and the meeting commences at 7.30pm. If you need to bring anything with you for the workshops, you will be advised at the previous meeting.

Tea and coffee are available. There is a raffle, sales table and a themed 'Bring and Buy' to raise money for the club and keep the subscription fees as low as possible.

FLORAL ART CLUB REPORT 2010

Another very successful year, with membership increasing, we had a number of visitors this year and hope some of them will join.

Our fundraising garden party was well attended and enjoyed by everyone who came.

We were very pleased with the amount of floral designs at the summer show and the judge Mrs Carol Gunter said the standard was very high. Hope next year will be equally as good.

Our Committee try very hard to achieve a welcoming and happy club. We wish the PHS committee and members a very Happy Christmas and may the 'New Year' give us the right weather for our crops.

Jenny Withers - Chairman

PURBROOK FLORAL ART CLUB **PROGRAMME FOR 2011**

10 th February	AGM	
10 th March	Demonstration Nell De-Jong Smith	‘Florabundance’
14 th April	Demonstration Jill Griffin	‘In the Potting Shed’
12 th May	Demonstration Margaret Simpson	‘Saw this and Thought’
9 th June	Workshop Carole Edney-Gunter	TBC
14 th July	Social Evening	TBC
11 th August	Demonstration Graham King	‘Cheerful Things’
8 th September	Demonstration Marion Catt	‘Autumn Lights’
10 th November	Demonstration Pamela Welch	‘Xmas Extravaganza’
8 th December	Christmas Party	TBC

All enquiries please call one of the Committee Members:

Jenny Withers – Chairman – 023 9225 1721
Lorraine Plant – Secretary – 023 9264 3809
Diane Apps – Treasurer – 023 9232 1847

2ND JUNE MEETING 2011

It has become more expensive to book a coach for the evening meeting, also it is difficult to find a venue close enough to be visited and enjoyed in the time scale we have. So the

Committee decided to have a social evening:-

Skittle Evening

**At the Anson Rooms
Anson Road
Waterlooville**

**Time 7pm
Ticket cost £8**

The tickets include a meal of your choice to be arranged at purchase of ticket from the following menu:-

- **Chicken, chips and peas**
- **Plaice, chips and peas**
- **Vegetarian lasagne**
- **Cheddar Ploughman's**

Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

You do not have to play skittles, just come, join us and watch the experts!

Tickets will be on sale in the New Year and numbers will be limited.

Betty

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF
MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR 2011**

Thursday 3rd February

Dr Owen Plunkett – A talk about the South Downs.

Thursday 3rd March

Philip Green – ‘My approach to natural history photography’

Thursday 7th April

Carol Gubler – from Little Brook Fuchsias.

Thursday 5th May

Jan Mitchell – ‘From garden to glass, home wine making with samples’

Thursday 2nd June

Skittles Evening – Anson Rooms, Waterlooville – Tickets £8.

Thursday 7th July

Mrs Jill Cross – A local lady talking about ‘Pop’s Allotment’

Thursday 4th August

Dr Alick Jones - Birds and Gardens - Perfect Partners

Thursday 1st September

Colin Crosbie – from Wisley (and on telly!) on British Trees

October

Pumpkin Quiz and Social – more details to follow.

Thursday 3rd November

Paul Bowers – A travel talk (title in next gazette)