

For our New Members

For those of you reading this magazine for the first time, you may be interested to know what takes place at our Monthly Meetings.

We meet at the Deverell Hall on the first Thursday of every month excluding January. Doors are open at 7pm and the meeting commences at 7.30pm. Illustrated talks are presented by local personalities; these programmes are mainly of a horticultural nature, although at times other topics of interest are presented.

An interval is usually taken at about 8.30pm when coffee/tea and biscuits are served (at no charge). This is then followed by the drawing of the Raffle and the winner of the Show Table. The speaker then concludes the evening talk and the meeting closes at about 9.30pm.

Do come and join us, you will be made most welcome. In addition to enjoying the talk you can also

- participate in the Show Table
- buy plants from the Plant Stall
- book a seat on one of our outings
- pay your Membership Fees
- catch up with other Members and Officers of the Society

Trading Store Opening Hours

Every Saturday 9.30am - 11.30am

The Trading Store is situated on the London Road, Widley, adjacent to Purbrook East Allotments.

Items for inclusion in the Spring Gazette, should be with the Editor by 1st January 2018, for distribution at the start of February 2018.

GARDENER'S GAZETTE

Winter 2017

AGM
Thursday
7th December 2017
Deverell Hall 7.30pm

Affiliated to:

The Royal Horticultural Society

National Dahlia Society

National Chrysanthemum Society

The Daffodil Society

The Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies

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Another Did You Know?

Elder (*Sambucus nigra*)

Elder is a small deciduous tree, native to the UK and in much of Europe.

It is thought the name elder comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning fire, because hollow stems were used as bellows to blow into the centre of a fire.

Mature trees can grow to a height of around 15m and can live for 60 years. Elder is characterised by its short trunk (bole), and grey-brown, curly-furrowed bark. It has relatively few branches. The leaves are pinnate (resembling a feather) with 5-7 oval and toothed leaflets and smell bad when touched. In winter the green unpleasant smelling twigs are hollow or have a white pith (spongy tissue) inside. Buds have a ragged appearance often with leaves showing through the bud scales.

The elder is widespread in many temperate and subtropical regions of the world. It grows in woodland, scrub, hedgerows and on wasteland. It can often be found near rabbit warrens or badger setts, where the animals distribute the seed in their droppings. The flowers provide nectar for a variety of insects and the berries are eaten by birds and mammals. Small mammals such as dormice and bank voles eat both the berries and the flowers. Many moth caterpillars feed on elder foliage, include the white spotted pug, swallowtail, dot moth and buff ermine.

Elder wood is hard and yellow-white. Mature wood is used for whittling and carving, while smaller stems can be hollowed out to make craft items.

The flowers and berries are mildly poisonous so should be cooked before eating. The leaves are also poisonous. Flowers are often used to make wine, cordial or tea, or can be fried to make fritters. Berries are rich in vitamin C and are often used to make preserves and wine, and can be baked in a pie with blackberries. Other uses include making dyes.

Elder is a popular small tree for gardens and many cultivated

The Chair Chats!

Where has this year gone? It seems like only yesterday that we were planning the Spring Show and thanks to you, both that and the Summer Show were successful. A special mention to the Floral Art Group who provided 30 quality exhibits for the Summer Show, a record! The group also made and donated the flower arrangements used on the Refreshment tables.

This year has been very busy with so many activities that would not have been completed without a cheery band of volunteers.

In the Summer, an intrepid few, armed only with a vacuum, broom and brushes cleared, cleaned, painted and restocked the Trading Store, displacing many Tarantulas in their wake [OK a slight exaggeration, but they were very big spiders]. Do not be concerned that the cost of this refurbishment will be reflected in a rise in Subscription fees as the money came from toiling through bureaucracy in order to obtain a grant from our local Councillor. Councillor Hughes has since visited the Store on a Saturday morning after the completion and was impressed with the outcome; so if you have not yet visited please do so as it is now a pleasant environment to shop and volunteer.

Ann has again managed to organise wonderful trips and has even provided good weather. I'm sure she has a mole in the Met Office! Please don't delay in booking your seats for 2018 as places fill very quickly.

Frances has found speakers to entertain and inform us this year with topics ranging from 'The History of Portsmouth' [a great speaker with many anecdotes]; The Hillier Stand at Chelsea Flower Show [a generous speaker who donated many plants in order for us to sell at the Store, who was so enthusiastic about his subject] to Travelogues and more.

Brian has kept abreast of stocking the Trading Store and organising deliveries with the assistance of the Saturday volunteers who, no matter what the weather, keep bright and cheerful.

Phil and Frances have kept the popular plant area very well stocked and are always grateful for donated surplus plants and equipment.

Trevor and Wendy, King and Queen of the Wood Chips, battle the elements [and bags] to keep you all supplied – though what you do with all those chips is a mystery as the huge pile is diminishing at a

furious pace.

Richard has managed to 'persuade' new contributors to the *Gazette* which has made it bigger and better and hopefully more interesting, as well as overseeing the website. He is always looking for more articles and is grateful for contributions on your hobbies, questions or solutions to your horticultural problems or just something that made you chuckle.

The Committee have done a sterling job, coming up with ideas to improve the Society and keep it relevant; a huge task in itself.

Mavis, our Lady Convenor, who has cheerfully provided sustenance and overseen the catering at meetings and shows has unfortunately decided to step down due to family commitments but has generously offered her support to a new incumbent. We thank her for her hard work and ask anyone, male or female [apparently most top chefs are male] wishing to volunteer for the post, to make themselves known to myself or a Committee member where help, guidance and support will be given.

Last, but not least, the 'backroom boys' who beaver away behind the scenes to keep the shelves well stocked.

So with 2018 fast approaching and with it the New Year, no doubt bringing new challenges, please accept my gratitude for all you continue to do for our Society.

Lynda

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PHS Meetings 2017

All meeting at Deverell Hall – start 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November

Benjamin Turner (known as Ben), has been recommended by another local gardening Society. He will talk to us about 'The Gardens of Tresco' off the coast of Cornwall.

Thursday 7th December

AGM. This is your opportunity to have your say in how the Society is run. Elections to the Committee will also take place. There is a short suggestions period for any ideas you may think will help the Society to grow and prosper. Last, but not least, nibbles and a cuppa – a chance to catch up with friends!

Expressions

Before we had emojis we had witty sayings and expressions which defied explanation - until now! How many times have you heard, 'how long is a piece of string?' Well now you have an answer . . . 18 inches. Why? I hear you cry. Well if it was much longer than this, then you would roll it into a ball, therefore it would be a ball of string and not a piece. If it were much shorter than 18 inches, then it would be discarded as not worth keeping. So now you know, a piece of string is 18 inches.

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STOP PRESS!

Pumpkin Evening Results

Heaviest Pumpkin: weighing in at 19.6kg (or 3 stone 11/4lbs in imperial): Phil Stock (the pumpkin not Phil!).

Best Culinary

1st Place: Charles Mobsby

2nd Place: Phil Stock

Highly Commended: Helen Deakin

Best Decorated

1st Place: Frances Leppard

2nd Place: Brenda Porter

Best Arrangement

1st Place: Maggie Mobsby

2nd Place: Lynda Piddington

Many thanks to Peter Brooks for judging; Frances Leppard for compiling the quiz along with assisting with catering; Brenda Porter for assisting with catering; Helen and Phil Stock for organising and assisting with catering and Mavis and Peter Davis who also assisted with catering. Thanks also to Pam and Carol who organised the raffle.

A big thank you to all who entered the competition and the quiz, making for a fun evening enjoyed by all, particularly the team 'Yew Tree Garden Ladies', who much to their surprise, won the quiz and took home a bottle of wine each!

The Oldest Flower Show in the World

The 130th Shrewsbury Flower Show was held on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th August this year at the Dingle Showground. This showground has spectacular views and is situated between the town of Shrewsbury and the River Severn. The Dingle Garden was made famous by Percy Thrower. It was constructed from an old quarry and displays summer bedding at its very best 'Victorian-style', now considered old fashioned.

I entered ten competitive classes in the Dingle Marquee and was pleased to receive seven prize cards as follows:

3rd Prize for six specimen foliage plants: Begonia Rex 'Red Robin', two Coleus 'Wizard Series'; Hosta 'Wide Brim'; Brunnera Macrophylla 'Silver Heart'; Ajuga Reptans 'Braunherz'.

2nd Prize for Scented Leaf Pelargonium 'Charity' which is orange scented with lobed yellow and green foliage.

3rd Prize for specimen greenhouse fern Nephrolepis Exaltata 'Ladder Fern'.

2nd Prize for specimen hardy fern 'Dryopteris erythrosora'; the autumn fern because young fronds are coloured coppery-pink.

1st Prize for Hydrangea or other hardy flowering shrub: Lycesteria Formosa 'Pheasant Bush'.

3rd Prize for Dwarf Conifer Cryptomeria Japonica 'Nana'.

2nd Prize for Dwarf Shrub 'Euonymus Japonicus Microphyllus Variegatus'.

The flower show was open from 9am to 10pm, with events going on all day between the Bandstand, Military Bands and live cookery demonstrations in an arena with 1,200 seats.

The Show is declared open when a military band, this year the Royal Corps of Signals, march from the castle to the showground, followed by the Mayor in a 1920s Rolls Royce. The Mayor then declares the Show open.

During the day the Royal Corps of Signals 'White Helmets' motorcycle team entertained the masses in the arena. The day closed with a massed band display from the Royal Corps of Signals, the Mercian Regiment and the Yorkshire Regiment. Now at 9pm the floodlights are on and included in the musical programme is 'The 1812 Overture' with fireworks followed by the Shrewsbury Male Choir with the massed bands. The finale was the National Anthems of 'Land of Our Fathers' and 'God Save the Queen'. Lights then out for a fantastic firework display lasting 30 minutes. Time now 10.30pm.

Trips 2018

Sunday 22nd April

Down House – Home of Charles Darwin – £25

A visit to Down House is a fascinating journey of discovery. The family home of 40 years of Charles Darwin and now you can explore it to the full. Discover both sides of Darwin – the great thinker and the family man. An audio tour narrated by Sir David Attenborough will bring the house to life and increase your understanding of Darwin's revolutionary theory. Stroll in lovely gardens and take the sandwalk which he paced daily in search of inspiration.

There is a tearoom serving light lunches; picnics are not allowed in the gardens.

Sunday 10th June

Chiddingstone Castle and National Trust Village – £23

In 1803 Henry Streatfield, squire of Chiddingstone, intoxicated by the current passion for mediaeval chivalry transformed his home into a fantasy castle which would be the 'fairest house' in Kent. Visitors today find the house enchanting. The 35 acre park and garden is a haven for wildlife. A short walk takes you into the National Trust Tudor-housed village of Chiddingstone.

There is a café for lunches and also eating places in the village.

Sunday 22nd July

Sissinghurst Castle Gardens – £26 NT £16

A haven of poetic vision in a thousand-year-old landscape where the exuberant and romantic Vita Sackville-West created a world famous garden. The buildings contain a book conservation project in Vita and Harold's library. The story of the garden and the couple's wedding can be discovered in the tower and oast house.

There is a restaurant and coffee shop.

Sunday 2nd September

Great Comp Garden – £23

A paradise for garden lovers, set in undulating countryside, Great Comp Garden has built up an enviable reputation as one of the finest gardens in the south-east. It is home to one of the finest collections of salvias in Europe.

There is the Old Dairy Tearoom for lunch or a cream tea. Curator, William Dyson, leading salvia expert, runs his own nursery which is situated in the garden. He is a Gold Medalist at Chelsea and Hampton

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I do hope these trips sound interesting. The cost of coach hire has increased a little. Prices of tickets includes a tip for the driver and all entrance fees.

Deposit £15

Balance payable at least 4 weeks before day of trip, as I will not be at the Trading Store so much in future.

Please telephone and book on 023 9225 4986 and either send a cheque to 16 Fir Copse Road, Waterlooville PO7 5JA made payable to PHS Trips or put payment in an envelope with name and phone no. and hand into Lynda Piddington at the Store or at the monthly meeting.

We leave Ladybridge Road at 9am for all trips.

Best wishes – Ann Richardson

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The Monthly Meeting Table

For new members and for those that are unsure of its purpose. The Show Table at the monthly meeting is for the shy and retiring of you that wish to showcase your talent. You may bring along anything that appears under a class in a Show Schedule, for example:

- Fruit
- Flowers
- Vegetables
- Floral Art
- Photograph taken
- Home Baking and/or Preserving
- Stitch Craft
- Handicraft

The speaker that evening will give points in order of merit which are then recorded.

The winning exhibit will earn the maker/grower a £5 Voucher for use in the Trading Store.

At the Summer Show the exhibitor who has, over the months, accumulated the most points will be awarded the Society Shield. What are you waiting for? Get earning points now, because as the late Sir Bruce said, Points Mean Prizes!

Match your flowers to your entries and write a list of what flowers you are going to enter in each class.

Select clean unblemished flowers, ideally with good poise and at a 90 degree angle to the stem. Ideally the petals should be smooth, untwisted and fully open with a good overlap at the base. They should have a clear colour without streaks (often a sign of virus) and a strong unblemished stem proportionate to the size of the flower.

Look for rounded trumpets or cups - a gentle pinch between thumb and forefinger can help to make them rounder.

If a flower is hooded (ie the petals lean forward over the trumpet) it is usually possible to significantly improve its appearance by gently gripping behind the base of the petals with your thumb and forefingers and gently but firmly pressing the petals fully open (first practise on a bunch of shop bought daffodils).

Do not be put off if you think that your flowers are not 100% - it is very unlikely that any of the exhibits will be perfect and the judge usually has to decide on which flower has the fewest faults.

I hope you found the above useful and encourages you take a look at any daffodils in your garden or greenhouse and enter them in next years Spring Show.

The last part of this article will appear in the next *Gazette*.

It is all about how to transport flowers to the show.

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Summer Show Report

Another beautiful day brought out the loyal and enthusiastic members and friends of the Purbrook Horticultural Society.

After enjoying the wonders of whopper fruits, vegetables and beautiful flowers and winning lots of prizes on the Tombola, it was time to enjoy the crafts and baking exhibits.

Relaxation was the order of the day after viewing the many talents of our diverse membership, and a cup of tea and cake was welcomed. With a mouth-watering array of cakes, trifles and gateaux, all baked and donated by our generous members, the choice was difficult! (*If, like me, you visited twice, you were not alone. - Ed.*)

Once again a big 'thank you' to all who supplied cakes and an even bigger 'thank you' to Helen, Sue, Mary, Becky, Wendy and Peter, whose help was invaluable, during the Show.

Some Hints on preparing cut daffodil blooms for the Show

This advice is loosely based on an article by Jackie Petherbridge. The original is available at: <http://thedaffodilsociety.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/SHOWING-TIPS-FOR-NOVICE-EXHIBITORS.pdf>

During the weeks before the show

During the weeks before the show regularly check the developing flowers noting those with good length strong stems and unblemished blooms and opening blooms. Ideally the bud should have dropped to about a right angle to the stem by a week before the show and be fully open at least a couple of days before the show. Pick the flowers as they open in the week preceding the show.

Flowers picked early are generally a better size and smoother as they have had the chance to fully absorb water and many flowers, especially whites and pinks, need time to develop their colour fully.

Do not remove the spathe - brown sheath from where the flower bud emerges.

Clean off any mud splashes or fly poo with a moist cotton bud and remove any insects, webs and/or pollen from the cup.

Place the picked blooms initially in tepid water in containers where the flowers can mature. Make sure they do not touch one another and place in a cool shed or garage. Avoid placing in sun as any orange or red colouring, however small and narrow, will frizzle and burn. The flowers will tend to move towards a light source so flowers hanging their heads may be persuaded to raise their heads slowly when placed lower than the source of light. Don't forget to clearly label the stems/vases as appropriate.

Monitor any remaining tight and partially open buds you plan to use and if you think they are progressing too slowly (ie still tight buds up to 10 days and buds only starting to open 4 - 5 days ahead of the show), pick and treat as above, then bring them indoors and place in good light in a coolish room in the house until they are fully open, then return to the cool garage or shed.

If you wish to prepare your exhibits in their vases at home, make arrangements in advance as to when you can collect the vases from the store and devise a method for transporting the filled vases to the store without damaging the flowers (*see later article*).

The Day before the Show

Store News

A wide variety of Spring Bulbs is now available; all at discounted prices, including a selection of Daffodils, Tulips, Iris, Allium and both prepared and bedding Hyacinths. Bowls and bulb fibre are available for indoor planting. The daffodils for the two Special Classes in our 2018 Spring Show are Sealing Wax and White Cheerfulness, both are available now. In addition we have Aqua Dulce Claudia broad beans, Radar and Electric Red Onion and Jermor shallots for Winter sowing.

Brian

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Unwanted Christmas Presents

To all of you who may be fortunate to receive duplicate presents or unwanted gifts this Christmas please consider donating them to the Society for Raffle Prizes at the Monthly Meetings. The lovely Ladies who manage the Raffle so well, would be grateful, as it would mean less shopping trips searching for items and of course it saves money for the Society, enabling us to keep subscription fees at a bargain price.

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Large Plastic Bags Wanted at the Store for Filling with Chippings

As most of you are aware every Saturday our resident bag filling machine (named Wendy – ably assisted by Trevor) is kept very busy filling up larger plastic bags (compost bags of 50+ litres are ideal). Unfortunately we have plenty of chippings but are running short of the bags! Please, if you purchase chippings from the Store we would be grateful if you can return intact empty bags for the next customer. As mentioned, the larger bags are in short supply, so when you finish with the potting compost, etc., please keep us in mind.

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No more Bottles please!

We also decant our liquid fertilisers into bottles and we seem to have a steady supply from thirsty gardeners. At the moment we are overrun, so please recycle into the normal council bins. We will let you know when we need replenishing. Many thanks to all who have put themselves out to drink all the spirits, etc! When you do supply bottles

Meeting on 7th September

Marcus Dancer, who owns a wholesale nursery near Fordingbridge gave us a talk on scented plants throughout the year. As he said, everybody perceives a scent in a different way, so what you may like somebody else might not. Here is a list of the plants he recommended but of course it is not complete but just a selection. Without me repeating it, all the plants are scented.

Lonicera (honeysuckle): Winter Beauty, semi evergreen. Dec to April

Sarcococca (Christmas Box): likes some shade

Daphne Jacqueline Postill: I have this shrub, it is lovely; flowers early spring

Daphne odora marginata: striped leaves

Daphne tangutica

Edgeworthia chrysantha (paper bush): pretty yellow flowers

Magnolia stellate: good for small gardens, early spring, white flowers

Viburnum Birkwoodii

Viburnum Anne Russell

Viburnum Winton

Choisya Aztec Pearl

Choisya White Dazzler: a smaller plant than above

Philadelphus Monteau d'Hermine

Euphorbia mellifera (honey spurge): orange honey scented flowers 4/5ft

Campanula lactiflora Loddon Anna: pink flowers

Phlox: The Flame series which are mildew resistant: June to September flowering

Thalictrum Perfume Star: June to August

Clematis Cassandra: small blue flowers, upright habit

Chimnanthes praecox: flowers December onwards

Coronella glauca: flowers all winter

Polemonium Heaven Scent

Azalea luteum

You might already know some of these, but there are also Mahonias, Buddlieas, Sambucus and Lilacs.

We sometimes forget about scented plants, but they are great for bringing back memories of previous gardens and occasions; give some of them a go, as they say, you will not be disappointed.

Frances

resistance. Great range of uses in the kitchen.

Valor shows great levels of blight resistance combined with the ability to produce large crops of bold white tubers. This variety has high tolerance to heat and drought, whilst the flesh is cream coloured and of a floury texture.

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Floral Art Club

On behalf of the Floral Art Club can I thank PHS for all their help at the Summer Show. A lot of hard work went into the preparations and afterwards all the clearing up. Thank you also to all the Floral Art members and a big 'well done' to all the winners.

We have had some interesting and entertaining demonstrations over the last few months and look forward to more in the run-up to Christmas. Please feel free to join us - you will be made very welcome.

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On the joys of Grandchildren

Our daughter and her three children are visiting us from Australia. As you can probably imagine life is pretty full-on in our house at the present time!

We have done the usual sightseeing. Still & West because ten-year-old Finn on past holidays really liked the fat chips that they served with burgers and was really disappointed when it came with smaller burgers and chips. Different management perhaps?

On Sunday we went for a walk round the top of Langstone Harbour in driving wind and rain. We really got soaked and they loved it!

We have walked around Milton Locks and one of their comments was 'isn't it great to be able to walk in the grass and undergrowth without worrying about snakes and spiders'. All Australian children are taught at school to be aware of and know the names of some snakes and spiders, so that they can spot them and be able to make others aware. They have also enjoyed going to Hundred Acre Woods, again something they would be very wary of at home.

Carole

Store News

Potato Varieties for 2018

The Society has ordered the following varieties for the 2018 season. A short description of each is added for your information.

FIRST EARLY

Arran Pilot is one of the most popular first early potato varieties among amateur gardeners. It has a short shelf life, but eaten when newly dug they are very flavourful. Not the best looking potato; it has a good resistance to scab.

Casablanca is classed differently by different suppliers. They produce heavy yields of tasty cream-fleshed oval tubers early in the season. They can be left to grow on for storage as a maincrop potato. Good resistance to diseases such as blight, blackleg and eelworm.

Winston released in 1992 this white skinned variety has been an exhibition success winning many titles on the show bench. They produce a high yield of smooth shallow-eyed tubers that are short and oval in shape. Flesh is firm textured and a creamy colour. Excellent disease resistance.

SECOND EARLY

Kestrel potatoes produce smooth skinned tubers with purple eyes and prove to be a winner at exhibitions. Kestrel has an old-fashioned flavour and makes good chips and roasts well.

Marfona are short, oval shaped potatoes with a smooth texture. Marfona lends itself perfectly to mash, wedges and boiled potatoes cooked in a sauce. Potatoes have a golden brown skin and smooth buttery taste.

MAINCROP

Desiree have a firm, creamy tasting flesh, making them ideal for smooth mash or for being cooked in a sauce. They have a lovely red skin and light yellow flesh.

Maris Piper is a favourite English potato grown since the 1960s. It is purple flowered and has a golden skin and creamy white flesh with a fluffy texture. This makes it a versatile all-rounder, great for chips, roast potatoes and mash and wedges.

Picasso produces round to oval tubers with smooth white skins and pink eyes. A popular variety for allotment growers due to high disease

STOP PRESS – Speakers 2018

1st February:

John Goodspeed from Havant Nature and Friends of Langstone Harbour with a talk on birds in our area.

1st March:

Nick Gilbert from Gilberts' Dahlia Nursery based at Sparsholt.

More details of the above will appear in the next *Gazette*.

Trip to the Prairie Gardens and Borde Hill on Sunday 10th September

We left in dry weather so that was a bonus the way it has been falling out of the sky recently. The driver managed to avoid the Goodwood traffic and we arrived at the Prairie Gardens just in time for coffee.

The owner, Pauline McBride, gave us a short introduction as to how the gardens came about. The land was part of a farm belonging to her family and Pauline and her husband had been working in Holland and had picked up some ideas from Piet Odouf. The idea of large swathes of colour and grasses appealed to them and they set about propagating thousands of plants for the garden. It has become a teaching centre and also for artists working in various medias to display their work around the garden. The staff are very knowledgeable (similar to the helpers at Purbrook Horticultural Society!).

From there we travelled on to Borde Hill Gardens, still dry but we are now holding our breath.

Lots to see there and a good walk around, cup of tea and cake or a cafe nearby selling hot meals. The house was not open but as the family still live there they only open it by request. Probably after the owner has hoovered. Lots of sculptures to see in the park, some great, some not so great, but thought provoking.

A very enjoyable day out, good exercise and some ideas for planting. We just got back onto the coach as it started to rain; so good timing, Ann.

Summer Show – The Results!

Charles Rose Memorial Cup – Best Vegetable Collection – Jim Osman
Borrow Cup – Best Potato exhibit – Jim Osman
Cornelius Cup – best Vegetable exhibit excluding collections – Jim Osman
Ted Miles Trophy – Most points Vegetables – Jim Osman
Juniper Cup – Most points Novice – Wendy Wright
Rowena Cup – Most points Fruit – Janet Macfarlane
Dring Cup – Most points Roses – Not awarded
Healey Cup – Most points Flowers – Jim Osman
George Broom Memorial Bowl – Most points Pot Plants – Peter Chivers
Dring Chrysanthemum Cup – Most points Chrysanthemums – Jim Osman
Norman Cup – Most points Dahlias- Barry Moore
Rosemary Trophy – Most points Floral Art – Maureen Robson
Ava Trophy – Most points Jams and Preserves – Janet Andrews
Charlwood Cup – Most points all classes , Ladies – Wendy Wright
Napier Cup – Most points all classes, Gentlemen - Jim Osman
Enid Gauntlett Cup – Most points Handicrafts – Carole Rowland
Mary Gauntlett Cup – Best Fuchsia exhibit – Janet Macfarlane
Society Shield – Most points monthly show table – Adele Mallows
Janet Bendell Cup – Best Pot plant – Phil Stock
Chairman’s Cup – Best Floral Art exhibit – Maureen Robson
Greta Carter Trophy – Best novice Floral Art – Not awarded
Jim Mew Cup – Best Onion exhibit – Jim Osman
G A Day Cup – Rose Class 48 – 4 blooms – Not awarded
West Cup – 3 Vases Chrysanthemums – Jim Osman
Gauntlett Cup – Local Dahlia Championship – Allan Chivers
Smith Cup – Most points child up to 7 yrs – Not awarded
Eileen Jones cup – Handwriting child up to 7yrs – Not awarded
Borrow Young People’s Cup – Most points 7 to 11 yrs – Not awarded
Mary Grinter Cup – most points 11 to 16 yrs – Not awarded
Havant Borough Council Cup – Most points Cookery classes – Mrs S Grove
The National Chrysanthemum Society Silver Medal – Jim Osman
The National Chrysanthemum Society Certificate – Jim Osman
The National Dahlia Society Silver Medal – Allan Chivers
The National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal – Jim Osman
The National Rose Society Bronze Medal – Not awarded
The National Vegetable Society Silver Medal – Phil Stock
The Banksian Medal – Highest Prize Money – Barry Moore

As you can see the Rose and Young people’s classes were not awarded this year so why not resolve to adjust this by growing more Roses and encouraging Children and Grandchildren to take part. Spend the coming dark evenings researching the growing and care of Roses [and Children!] in order to become a Cup Winner. Books and specialist magazines on most Fruit, Flowers and Bulbs [not Children] are available at the Store to borrow or purchase for a donation.

INTER SCHOOLS TROPHY COMPETITION

THE AIM

The aim is to encourage children into the world of gardening. To learn how vegetables and flowers grow; become aware of seasons and the seasonality of foods and the patience and dedication needed to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

THE COMPETITION

Is open to the following places of education in our region

- 1 Pre Schools
- 2 Primary Schools
- 3 Senior Schools

(Schools for Special Needs may choose whichever category they consider most suitable and will be judged within that category on an equal basis. Please state on entry form which category chosen.)

CLASSES

- 1 Make a Flowerpot Man/Woman using Plastic or Fibre pots only (not Clay or Pottery) to a maximum sitting or standing height of 30cm and decorate. Two only per School
- 2 Grow Soup. Using ingredients grown at School, make Soup. List the ingredients and send photographs only of the method and result.
- 3 Using recycled materials make a wind chime.
- 4 Grow a Pollinator garden in a recycled item – use your imagination! Send photographs
- 5 Compose a song about plants, send the words and state to what tune they are to be sung. May be illustrated.

Carefully label and transport all your entries to:

Mrs. Piddington, 40 Westbrook Grove, Waterlooville PO7 5HX by **31ST MAY 2018** for judging at the Purbrook Horticultural Society monthly meeting by attending members. A Trophy will be awarded to the winning School. Members’ decision will be final.

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Magazines, 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.

Magazines:

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 Sundays at Wisley
National Vegetable Society
Royal National Rose Society
National Chrysanthemum Society
National Dahlia Society

Equipment:

£2 non-refundable charge per item towards replacement costs
Lawn Spreaders (2)
Leaf Vacuum/Blowers (2)
Lawn Rakes and Leads (2)
Folding Tables (for indoor use only)

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

Please use RCDs when using electrical equipment outdoors for your own safety.