



KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

OVER THE GARDEN WALL...

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Dear Members,

A very Happy New Year and welcome to our first Newsletter of 2020.

We had interesting evening meetings in 2019 and outings to the Oxford Botanic Garden and Kingsbridge Farm, thank you Colin Ells. Our three shows had some excellent exhibits, thank you to David Ridgway and the Show Sub-Committee for organising, and to the exhibitors. 2020 shows will have a few new classes and a new novice rule. Please look at the schedules within the Yearbook and enter if you can. See also David's articles below.

Our main fundraising event is the Plant Sale, organised by Lyn Kilbride with many members growing plants and assisting to sell them on the sale day. I am sure members will make the 2020 event a success, please let Lyn know if you can help (see below).

Thank you to all those members who helped to make 2019 a successful year for our Society. We do need more help for 2020, if you think you might be able to assist, or wish to know more detail, please contact me. We have vacancies for a Minutes Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Show sub-Committee members.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you at our next event, the monthly meeting on Tuesday 4th February.

Brian Butler (Chairman)

Obituary

It is with great sadness we report that Tessa Madden passed away in January, following an accident whilst skiing. Tessa has been our Yearbook Editor for the last 15 years and was Membership Secretary and Committee member for eight years. Tessa was also significantly involved in growing for the plant sale, where she often served customers, and in assisting at our Shows. She will be sadly missed.

We send our condolences to her son, Sam.

2020 Subscriptions

Subscriptions (single member £5, family membership £8) are due on 1st January. I hope members feel we provide a good varied programme, at a very reasonable cost and will wish to renew for 2020. These will mainly be collected by our area representatives, these are the members who will deliver your 2020 Yearbook. If there isn't one in your location you will receive your Yearbook through the post, in which case please let Charlie Taylor (Membership Secretary) have your subscription, cheques made payable to KEHS, either at the February meeting or to her home at Ladymede Lodge, Station Road, Little Kimble, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP17 0XN.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society will be held at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 3rd March in the Stewart Hall, Little Kimble. Any member will be able to raise any relevant matter at the meeting, but, it would assist the Committee to provide a full response if members inform the Chairman, three weeks before the meeting. New members to the Committee would be welcome, but, should have the nominee's agreement and be proposed and seconded.

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 16th May at 10.00 am. Please bear in mind your help would be much appreciated by dividing perennials and getting them well established or offering to grow on annual bedding and vegetables for the sale, please let me know. I can provide plant pots and labels, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lyn (Plant Sale Co-ordinator) at lynkilbride@mypostoffice.co.uk or on 01296 790024.

Our Shows

Over last few years there has been a sad decline in entries to the Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society shows from members in the small villages around Kimble and Ellesborough. To this end the rule for Novice entries (see below) in the Yearbook has been changed and classes added to the novice sections for the shows. As a village outsider (originally from Wendover, now living in Aylesbury) I don't want this village show to stop, as it is part of English Village life that we can be proud of.

David Ridgway (Show Secretary)

New Novice Rule For Our Shows

A Novice, in the eyes of the Society, is EITHER a) an exhibitor who, since reaching the age 18, has not won one of the Trophies listed in the Year Book (except Novice Trophies) for a similar class in any horticultural show in earlier calendar years OR b) an exhibitor who is 18 years or younger at the end of the calendar year.

A Novice remains a Novice until the end of the calendar year.

Novice Trophy winners should be excluded from winning the same trophy for the next 2 years.

David Ridgway (Show Secretary)

Other Local Events Which May Interest You

25th Feb National Vegetable Society Bucks DA at the Community Centre, Church Street, Wingrave, HP22 4PD. At 7.30 pm Seeds and Seed Production, a talk by David Thornton.

21st Apr National Vegetable Society Bucks DA at the Community Centre, Church Street, Wingrave, HP22 4PD. At 7.30 pm Potatoes, Phytophthora and Poverty: The great Irish Tragedy. The Story of potato blight, a talk by Professor Sandy Primrose.

Forthcoming Events

February

Tuesday 4th 8.00 pm ***Improved Quality for the Kitchen and Show Bench***
John Marshall. The idea of the talk is to give members ideas of varieties and growing methods for producing good quality vegetables for use in the kitchen and flowers for the house that could also be used to support the societies shows.

March

Tuesday 3rd 7.15 pm ***AGM***

8.00 pm ***Boggery in the Garden – Water Features in the Garden***
Timothy Walker. This talk was put together following the renovation and extension of the Bog Garden at the University Botanic Garden. Water adds an extra sensory dimension to a garden in addition to extending the range of plants that one can cultivate. The talk begins by looking at the types of water feature and then goes on to explain how the new pond was built in the Botanic Garden and a much smaller pond in our new garden. Emphasis will be placed on the plants that can be grown in a water garden – the “boggery” of the title.

April

Sunday 5th 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm ***SPRING SHOW at Stewart Hall***

Tuesday 7th 8.00 pm ***A Way with Plants***
Kathy Brown who owns the Manor House at Stevington, near Bedford, returns after 10 years to give us a talk illustrating effects, combinations, edible, foliage, colours, including containers.

May

Tuesday 5th 8.00 pm ***A Year Behind the Scenes at Waterperry Gardens***
Rob Jacobs returns from Waterperry gardens to give us another informative and interesting talk.

Saturday 16th 10.00 am – 11.30 am ***PLANT SALE at Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross***

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables, annuals and house plants. Come early - everything will be sold by about 11.00 am on past form.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER WILL BE WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL



An exhibit at the Chiltern Sweet Peas Society Show – June 2019



An exhibit at the National Vegetable Society, Midland Branch Show – September 2019