



KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

OVER THE GARDEN WALL...

May, 2019. No. 144.

Dear Members,

The warm weather in February appears to have brought forward the blossom on trees and hedgerows, with the cool April having prolonged the colour in our gardens and in the countryside. I just hope the frosts in April will not have affected the fruiting.

No doubt the better weather resulted in a larger number of entries at our Spring Show.

The floral exhibits provided a colourful display whilst the domestic entries provided a mouth watering display. A large collage of a Spring Bunny by the under sevens of Great Kimble C of E School drew many favourable comments.

I must apologise for the difficulty some members had in hearing the speaker at our April meeting, which was exacerbated by some members talking during the presentation. At their next meeting the Committee will be considering what action it can take to improve matters.

Please continue to support your Society, particularly at the Plant Sale on 11th May.

Brian Butler
Chairman

Obituary

It is with sadness we report Robin Clark passed away on 24th March. Robin helped the Society over many years with the Plant Sale, including growing many vegetables, and with staging our Shows. We send our condolences to his wife, Tessa, and his family.

Annual General Meeting

The Society's 2019 AGM was held on 5th March when our President, Michael George, chaired the meeting. Michael encouraged members to volunteer to fill the vacant positions. Brian Butler, in presenting the Chairman's Report, thanked Roger Howgate for producing the booklet covering the history of the last 25 years of the Society. Brian also thanked all members who had helped the Society, particularly those who were standing down this year. Peter Marsden presented the Treasurer's Report which showed the finances to be healthy, although there had been several sums of expenditure which will not occur next year. The Show Secretary, David Ridgway, reported on three successful Shows. He asked each member to enter one item in each Show which would result in spectacular displays.

Michael George was re-elected as President. Michael informed the meeting this would be his last year as President. The Committee was re-elected, including Charlie Taylor who was co-opted during the year, who has taken on the role of Membership Secretary.

Amendments to Year Book 2019

Membership Secretary: Miss Charlie Taylor, Ladymede Lodge, Station Road, Little Kimble, HP17 0XN 07710 504300 kehs.bucks@outlook.com

Area Representatives: Ms Elaine Goodchild (01296) 623897 Wendover

Report on the Spring Show

The Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society Spring Show was held in the Stewart Hall, Little Kimble on Sunday 7th April. There were 139 exhibits on the benches provided by 15 members; some of these were members new to the Society and showing for their first time. The competition was very close with only a few points separating the winners, from the runners-up for many trophies. Sue Towersey won the Spring Challenge Cup, for the most points in the Show, as well as best domestic exhibit, David Ridgway won the Wingletang Trophy, for the most points in the bulb classes, as well as the Pot Plant Trophy. Dee Floyd won the Ray Taylor Cup for Sweet Preserves; Mary Redding won the Open Floral Art class. Graham Talbot exhibit of three small cup daffodils was awarded best in show. The Shefford brothers Kieran and Oliver both won first prizes in the junior classes. Great Kimble school entered for the first time also gaining a first for their joint effort. A large number of visitors viewed the Show during the afternoon, many partaking of the cakes and tea which did a roaring trade.

List of PRIZE WINNERS for the Spring SHOW on Sunday 7th April 2019

Number of entries: 139

Number of exhibitors: 15

TROPHIES:

SPRING CHALLENGE TROPHY- Most points in show	Sue Towersey
WINGLETANG CUP – Most points in Bulb classes	David Ridgway
POT PLANT TROPHY – Most points in Pot plant classes	David Ridgway
THE RAY TAYLOR CUP – Most points in classes 70,71,77,80 and 81	David Ridgway

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FLORAL ART – First prize in class 52 (Petite) : £5.00	Sue Towersey
MASTERCLASS – First prize in class 130 : £15.00	Graham Talbot
BEST HORTICULTURAL EXHIBIT IN SHOW : Champagne	Graham Talbot
BEST DOMESTIC EXHIBIT IN SHOW : Champagne	Sue Towersey

OPEN CLASSES

First prize in class 201 (Narcissus) : £15.00	Graham Talbot
Second prize in class 201 (Narcissus) : £5.00	Doug Ball
First Prize in class 202 (Floral Art) : £15.00	Mary Redding
Second Prize in class 202 (Floral Art) : £5.00	Sue Towersey

Forthcoming Society Events

May

Tuesday 7 8 00 pm ***Wonderful Healthy Herbs***

Paul Patton, a horticultural consultant, writer, speaker and broadcaster, will give us tips on how to grow & enjoy all types of herbs in the garden, containers & kitchen. He covers herb teas & other drinks as well as herbs to attract bees, butterflies & other pollinators. He also explores herbs in history, sending a billet douce and pot pourri!

Saturday 11 10 00 am ***PLANT SALE at Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross***

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early - everything will be sold by about 11 am on past form.

June

Tuesday 4 8 00 pm ***Plants and Climate Change***

Martin Hodgson, a plant scientist from Oxford Brookes University, will talk to us on this very topical subject. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Human Sciences at the University of Oxford with over 100 publications to his name, mostly in international scientific journals.

July

Tuesday 2 ***Evening Garden Visit: Kingsbridge at Steeple Clayton***

Stunning 6 acre garden imaginatively created over the last 26 years with colour themed herbaceous borders, topiary yews and a natural stream with bog plants through woodland garden with many walks.

Sunday 7 2 00 – 4 30 pm ***SUMMER SHOW*** at Stewart Hall.

September

Sunday 1 2 00 – 4 30 pm ***AUTUMN SHOW*** at Stewart Hall.

Tuesday 3 8 00 pm ***Pin me to the wall and do what you want with me! How to Choose and Manage Climbers and Wall Shrubs***

Andrew Mikolajski, a horticultural consultant, writer and speaker returns to discuss how to make the most of climbers and wall shrubs.

Other local events which may interest you.

9th – 12th May RHS Malvern Spring Festival including Rose Society UK Show

21st – 25th May RHS Chelsea Flower Show

23rd June Adwell House garden open for charity OX9 7DQ

29th – 30th June Rose Society UK Show Shepperton

30th June Chiltern Sweet Pea Soc Show Millennium Hall, Lacey Green HP27 0QT 2.30pm

1st – 7th RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

3rd Sept Monks Risborough Hort Soc Annual Show HP27 9LZ 11.30am

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE 15TH AUGUST

Summer Evening Visit to Kingsbridge Farm

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 6 00 pm

This year we are visiting a very special garden which has come highly recommended and, although it is a little further away, it will be well worth a visit.

Description of the gardens

This stunning established 6 acre garden is the product of 30 years of care and dedication by the current owners. The main lawn is enclosed by softly curving herbaceous borders leading on past clipped yews, some topiary, a semi-circle of pleached hornbeam and out across the haha to the countryside beyond. The garden is interestingly planted throughout with winding paths which pass a gazebo, rose arbour, shrubs and roses. A natural stream, containing bog plants and the home of kingfishers, meanders through woodland gardens with many walks and a choice of bridges to cross. This is a garden to visit again and again which is always evolving.

Refreshments, including tea and cakes, will be served.

The admission charge is normally £6 per head plus £3.50 for refreshments.

The cost to members is only £7.50

Address

Kingsbridge Farm
Steeple Claydon
Buckinghamshire
MK18 2EJ

Booking

We will be taking bookings and admission charges at the May and June Meetings. Otherwise please call Colin Ells on 01844 273295 or contact a committee member to book.

Getting there: See map on the next page

We can help organise to share cars at the June meeting.

Photos and map for Kingsbridge Farm



[Kingsbridge Farm directions](#)- click to view on google maps

Little Kimble, Aylesbury HP17 0UF

MK18 2EJ, Steeple Claydon, Buckingham

Route options

Avoid

- Highways
- Tolls
- Ferries

Distance units

- Automatic
- miles
- km

Send directions to your phone

via A413

Fastest route, lighter traffic than usual

42 min

43 min

20.4 miles

Pictures of the Society's Spring Show



Trophy winners



Some flower exhibits



Some domestic exhibits



Collage of a Spring Bunny
by the under sevens of
Great Kimble C of E School