



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 2019.

Our evening meetings in 2018 were generally well supported although there were fewer members at the December meeting. Two of our shows had fewer entries than usual, the Spring perhaps due to being wet and cold and the Autumn perhaps due to the hot dry weather. 2019 shows will have a few new classes, please look at the schedules within the Yearbook and enter if you can.

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 2019 event a success, please let Lyn know if you can help (see below).

Thank you to all those members who helped to make 2018 a successful year for our Society. We do need more help for 2019, if you think you might be able to assist, or wish to know more detail, please contact me.

Roger Howgate has kindly produced a booklet recording the most recent 25 years history of the Society, a copy will be delivered to members with their 2019 yearbook. I found it most interesting, thank you Roger.

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 5th February.

Brian Butler
Chairman

2019 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 2019. These will mainly be collected by our area representatives, these are the members who will deliver your 2019 Yearbook. If there isn't one in your location you will receive your Yearbook through the post, in which case please let Brian Butler have your subscription, cheques made payable to KEHS, either at the February meeting or to his home at 9 Blacksmiths Road, Longwick, Princes Risborough, HP27 9TB.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society will be held at 7.15pm on Tuesday 5th 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, two weeks before the meeting.

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 11th May. 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. 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 613417

Forthcoming Events

February

Tuesday 5th 8 00 pm ***Making the Best Use of a Greenhouse, Cloches and Frames***
Brian Fisher, a popular local horticultural lecturer, returns to give us his latest talk on using these valuable horticultural aids.

March

Tuesday 5th 7 15 pm ***AGM***
8 00 pm ***On Top and Almost in Control – Tales from a Very Small Garden***

Timothy Walker, lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, returns to talk about creating a garden from scratch. There are many different choices and the site will have an influence but do you have just herbaceous plants, just shrubs, or a mixture? Do you need a lawn or a pond? Do you care about colour or one particular group of plants such as ferns? What about wild-flower borders, growing British native species and encouraging wildlife? His latest talk looks at all the options and is based on his own new small garden.

April

Tuesday 2nd 8 00 pm ***A Bulb For All Seasons***

Chris Day of Buckingham Garden Centre will explore the whole area of bulbs as far as planting, displaying, associating and growing them in your garden. The bulb talk is prop driven with plenty of practical stuff too!

Sunday 7th 2 00 – 4 30 pm ***SPRING SHOW*** at Stewart Hall

May

Tuesday 7th 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 11th 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.

Proposed Visit to Oxford Botanic Gardens

Saturday 18th May 2019 10 00 am

Directions

Parking at Headington Park and Ride with a short bus trip to St Clement's roundabout by Magdalen bridge at the bottom of the High Street.

<https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/guide-garden>

This time of the year was recommended by Timothy Walker, the former director of the gardens.

Price

Standard price £5.45. Concessions (over 65): £4.00

The benefit of going as a group is that we can organise a guided tour if there is at least 15 in our group. The tour would be conducted by a trained volunteer.

The cost would be £8.50 per person.

We will take names and money at the AGM in March. Timothy Walker is our speaker that evening and will be able to tell us more if required.

Summary of the Garden

Visit inspiring herbaceous borders, glasshouses that take you around the world or simply relax in the UK's oldest botanic garden.

With nearly 6,000 different types of plants, the Garden is a year-round oasis of biodiversity, right in the heart of the city.

There are seven glasshouses - the conservatory, alpine house, cloud forest, lily house, arid house, palm house and carnivorous plant house. The first was built at the Botanic Garden more than 300 years ago.

The Walled Garden dates back to the Oxford Botanic Garden's foundation in 1621 and is the Garden's oldest section. It houses the Geographic Beds, the Medicinal Plants Beds and the Woodland Walk and Literary Trail.

The Lower Garden holds ornamental collections. They include the Rock Garden which has many Mediterranean species, the Gin Border in which plants commonly used in the production of gin are grown, the Herbaceous Border, Plants That Changed the World beds, and the Merton Borders.

Herbarium Room – the Oxford University Herbaria is a global cultural resource of approximately one million dried plant specimens. It was founded in the seventeenth century, and is the oldest herbarium in the United Kingdom.

Pop-up café- From April to September, the Jericho Coffee Traders' pop-up café will be at the Botanic Garden, near the River Cherwell. The café serve delicious coffees, teas, cakes and ice cream.

Other local events which may interest you.

British Iris Society Early Spring Show at RHS Wisley 9th February.

Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre, MK18 4AE are holding their Potato Day, also Graft and Grow Day, on Saturday 2nd February.

Bucks District Association of the National Vegetable Society meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm at Wingrave Community Centre, HP22 4PD. Trevor Fawcett - Gladioli.

Bucks District Association of the NVS meeting on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm at Wingrave Community Centre, HP22 4PD. Jim Thompson – Tomatoes and cucumbers

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



Above: Two views of Oxford Botanic Gardens

Left: A Spring view of a member's garden in Wendover