



KIMBLE AND ELLESBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

OVER THE GARDEN WALL...

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Dear Members,

The coronavirus pandemic restrictions have caused the cancellation of our Society events. As many plants were already being grown, by members, when the pandemic started in this country, we have decided to have a sale of these plants, whilst maintaining social distancing. Thank you to Lyn who has worked hard to make arrangements for the sale and to the growers. Please see the arrangements below, in the paragraph headed Plant Sale on page 3, and support if you can.

Thank you also to Peter who has organised the Quiz, on page 5, for your entertainment.

I know many members enjoy visiting gardens, particularly those open for charity by the National Garden Scheme. At present these gardens are closed, but a team made up of garden owners, volunteers and staff have organised a marvellous campaign offering virtual garden visits. This can be accessed through ngs.org.uk.

Stay well, enjoy your garden, and I hope we will be able to re-start Society events before too long.

Brian Butler
Chairman

Obituaries

It is with sadness we report that Joe Ratlidge passed away on 25th January. Joe was a member of our Society for over 40 years. He served on the Committee for many years, filling numerous officer positions, retiring from the Presidency in 2004. He was an enthusiastic and respected member, he was a keen showman and encouraged members to exhibit. He will be sadly missed. We send our condolences to his wife, Elsie, and family.

It is with sadness we heard, early in March, that Rod Pengelly had passed away. Rod had been a member for about six years. He was an expert rose grower and won many trophies, certificates and prizes for his beautiful exhibits. He will be sadly missed. We send our condolences to his family.

Tribute to Tessa Madden and Joe Ratlidge

I would like to take this opportunity to pay my personal respects to two stalwarts of our society who have passed away since the beginning of the new year.

First Tessa Madden. Tessa, was a long term associate of mine. In 1977 I was promoted to a senior role in my company and Tessa was seconded to me as my Market Research consultant a job she carried out with great success. In addition when my daughter (Susan) secured a holiday job with my company Tessa was her mentor and guided her through the intricacies of the job. In her time with KEHS she has been a great committee member, with her husband Robin produced plants for the plant sale took on the responsibility of having our newsletter printed and its distribution. I will, and I am sure I speak for others, miss her enthusiasm, she is a great loss to the Society.

Secondly Joe Ratlidge

My friendship with Joe and Elsie goes back to 1965. Our two families moved into Risborough at the same time. Elsie met my wife Cynthia in the High Street, Elsie asked Cynthia to direct her to a shop and Cynthia had to say she was new and had no idea, so began our friendship.

One year we went on holiday to France with Joe, Elsie and Deborah and another family. Joe and I were taught to sail a small dinghy, by the other member of our group. Joe persuaded me that we should go for a sail on our own and Joe, with that impish grin he had said "lets go to that Island", which was about half a mile away. We achieved our objective but then to our horror realised we had a head wind on the return journey. It took us over an hour to do what we had done in 10 minutes earlier. But that was Joe, try everything and enter it with enthusiasm and don't let failure put you off. A wonderful man and a real servant to our society and one who will be remembered with real affection.

Michael George, President at our AGM

Annual General Meeting

The Society's 2020 AGM was held on 3rd March when our President, Michael George, chaired the meeting. He welcomed members and paid tribute to Tessa Madden and Joe Ratlidge, see above. Michael encouraged members to volunteer to serve on the Committee. Brian Butler presented the Chairman's Report. He thanked the Committee and all members who had helped the Society, in particular Charlie Taylor who, with David Ridgway's help, produced the yearbook. Peter Marsden presented the Treasurer's Report and explained the excess of expenditure over income, of £613.52. David Ridgway presented the Show Secretary's Report. He encouraged members to exhibit at our Shows and explained how the rules for the Novice Classes had been amended and classes for single blooms been added to the schedule. The President, Officers, Committee and Inspector of Accounts were all re-elected.

Peter Marsden explained why 2021 subscriptions should be increased, for the first time in 17 years. Michael George explained the benefits of membership. After discussion it was agreed to increase 2021 subscriptions to £7 for a single member and to £11 for family membership.

Under Any Other Business Bob Sargeant requested the Society had an additional Tuesday talk during the summer and the outing be held at another time.

Amendments to Year Book 2020

Page 2 Ms Jenny Summerfield lives at **50** Carrington Crescent.

Page 3 **Mrs Deirdre Floyd** won the Ray Taylor Cup in 2019.

Plant Sale

As you are aware it is with great regret that the Plant Sale in its traditional format has had to be cancelled. It has been decided that the annual and vegetable plants will be sold from two venues (my house in Elm Close, Butlers Cross and Bob Sargeant's house in Chalkshire Road) from Wednesday 13th May onwards. If you know anyone who would normally come to the Sale or would like to buy plants please pass on the information. The plants available are listed below (list 1 from me and list 2 from Bob). Please contact ME with all your plant requirements preferably by email and if not available by phone. We will agree a day and time when you can collect the plants. They will be left outside for collection along with a box for the correct money or cheque (cheques made payable to KEHS). The price of plants will be:- half trays £3, Tithonia, Shoo Fly, Cerinthe, Coleus and Chrysanthemums £1 each, Geraniums £1.25, Dahlias £3 & £4, Rhubarb £3 & £4, Runner beans tray of six plants £2.50, French beans £1 each, Courgettes £2.50 each, Tomatoes £1 each 6 for £5.

We shall hopefully sell perennials and house plants at a later date, possibly at the time of the Autumn Show. However if anyone is wanting herbaceous plants straight away please contact Jean Young on 01296 622306, Jean.ellesborough@gmail.com to see what she has available.

Maybe now is a good time to think positively for next year's sale! Start dividing your perennials, dig up any plants in the wrong place, nurture them over the coming months and make 2021's Plant Sale a spectacular success!

Happy gardening.

Lyn
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Plants Available in May (see above)

LIST 1

10 half trays Cosmos Purity
6 half trays Zinnia Fireworks
Tomatoes Costoluto Fiorentino (not for salads but good for cooking)
10 half trays Salvia Clary Bouquet
8 half trays Cosmos Sensation
White Nicotiana (number unknown at present)
6 half trays Little Gem Lettuce
10 single pot Tithonia Torchlight
10 single pot Shoo Fly
10 single pot Cerinthe
Climbing French Beans
Courgettes
11 half trays Calendula Playtime Mix
3 half trays Calendula Snow Princess
3 half trays Cosmos Bright Eyes
Geraniums (red, white, rose pink and salmon pink)
Rhubarb
Dahlia (large orange pom-pom about 4 feet tall)

LIST 2

15 half trays Bedding Dahlias
15 half trays French Marigolds
5 half trays Antirrhinum
3 half trays Cosmos
10 single pot Chrysanthemums
5 single pot Coleus
50 Tomatoes (Shirley type)
Ageratum (number unknown at present)

Change of Society's Web Address

The Society's web site has been hosted by Bucks Voice which can no longer get funding and has closed. Laura has kindly transferred the web site to <https://e-voice.org.uk/kehs/>

Compost and Roses

We are aware two local firms are delivering compost. Penns Nurseries of Longwick (01844 347952) and Chiltern View Nursery of Stoke Mandeville (01296 613823) who serve the Wendover/Weston Turville area. Telephone them to find the availability and cost.

I have received a notification from The Rose Society UK of companies who have container grown roses for sale, they are all sponsors of The Rose Society UK. If you would like to receive a copy please ask me (butler@care4free.net).

Forthcoming Society Events

May

Tuesday 5 8.00pm **Cancelled**

Saturday 16 10.00am **PLANT SALE Cancelled but see above article**

June

Thursday 4 **Evening Garden Visit. Cancelled**

July

Sunday 5 2.00 – 4.30pm **SUMMER SHOW** at Stewart Hall

Tuesday 7 8.00pm **Growing Cut Flowers**

Theresa Wedderburn, RHS Show Garden award winner, tutor and horticultural therapist will bring flowers and products for a demonstration to accompany her talk.

September

Tuesday 1 8.00pm **Genetically Modified Crops - A Good Thing?**

Martin Hodson, a plant scientist and author from Oxford Brookes University, returns with another very topical subject following his stimulating talk last year on Plants & Climate Change.

Sunday 6 2.00 – 4.30pm **AUTUMN SHOW** at Stewart Hall

Other local events which may interest you (Depending upon restrictions)

28th June Chiltern Sweet Pea Soc Show Millennium Hall, Lacey Green HP27 0QT 2.30pm

1st Aug Monks Risborough Hort Soc Annual Show HP27 9LZ 11.30am

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE 15TH AUGUST

QUIZ *A mixed bunch of flowers*

The clues below are anagrams which will reveal the names of garden flowers, flowering shrubs, some wildflowers and a few weeds. Write the third letter of your answers in the end column and the string of letters will contain three floral or garden words.

Each flower or shrub named scores 1 point, and 2 points are scored for each word in the right-hand column, making 30 points in all. Please circle or highlight the words you identify in the end column.

Thanks to John Oliver of Aylesbury Centre National Trust for this quiz.

		Answer	3 rd letter
1	To ash		
2	Tuna cash		
3	Gate Inn		
4	Angry head		
5	Harm in Turin		
6	Eat a rival		
7	Air Lump		
8	Love it		
9	A local Erica		
10	Name one		
11	A nut pie		
12	She lucky one		
13	A long aim		
14	Mary is all		
15	Rennie		
16	Rouge in lamp		
17	Can aide start		
18	Step on men		
19	Mused		
20	Tuna truism		
21	They munch Mars		
22	Gaunt pasha		
23	Me hid lupin		
24	Title on lap		

Please return entries by **Thursday 7 May 2020** to Peter Marsden:

- either by eMail to pandvmarsden@yahoo.co.uk
- or by post to Chequers Cottage, Dunsmore, Aylesbury HP22 6QH

Entries may be on this form, a photocopy of it, or just a written list of the 27 answers.

The winner will be awarded an appropriately horticultural prize at the society's first show or meeting after the present coronavirus restrictions are lifted.