

Charing Gardeners' Society

April 2017

Newsletter



Hooray! Spring Show Time Again Saturday 8th April – Parish Hall, Charing, 2pm (not in the Church Barn as printed in the Annual)



Our first show of the year – an event for gardeners, cooks, crafts people and photographers. We look forward to seeing those dedicated seasoned entrants and of course some new exhibitors taking part this year. Please see the show schedule in the annual or online. Everyone is welcome to enter so why not have a go – even if you have only one thing please bring it along. There are classes for flowers, pot plants, vegetables, floral art, cookery, handicraft, photography and children's classes. There are various show tips and information in the annual on pages 20 - 39. Exhibits should be staged between 9am - 11.15am for judging and the show opens to the public at 2.00pm with prize giving at 3.30pm. Entrance to the show is free; come along and enjoy the wonderful displays - have a cuppa and some delicious homemade cake. There will be a raffle plus an Advice Desk for those thorny gardening questions.

The Plant and Seed Re-homing stall will be open at the show with Margery at the helm this year so please bring along any contributions - plants, seedlings, seeds, etc. plus a plastic bag to take home anything you adopt.

Show entries - email to Aly Pinnock please - alypinnock@btinternet.com. - not later than Thursday 6th April or can be left with Allan and Sheila Dixon at Charing Stores from the Monday before the show.

What will you enter? It is better to be optimistic about what you will enter and then drop some if necessary, this helps us prepare enough space for each class on the show tables.

Please see the show schedules on our website www.charinggardeners.org.uk

All show inquiries or advice on showing, especially if you are one of our NEW EXHIBITORS, to Aly Pinnock 712840 or email her as above.

Any help tidying away after the show would be appreciated.

Spring Show Parking

Some of you may be aware of the new barrier at the entrance to the surgery car park. This will not affect us using the car park on Saturday 8th for the show. The public car park in Surgery Close is open as usual.

Spring Show Tulip Challenge



Well this did turn out to be quite a challenge. How are your Guiseppi tulips doing - will they be in flower for the spring show on April 8th? I have a feeling we may be seeing quite a few photographs of those which have already been and gone!

Don't forget to bring yours along – pots or photos.

Annual membership renewal is now due

Please come along to the show or talk to collect your 2017 annual.

All membership enquiries to Nicky Bromley
01233 713615 or email
nixbrom@googlemail.com

Potato Talk

What a fascinating talk. It was a pleasure to welcome Dr Sue Turner to Charing. Her talk was full of amazing historical facts backed up with a passionate insight and her world knowledge into this wonderful vegetable we all take for granted.

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to listen to such a knowledgeable speaker.

Plant and Seed Re-Homing Stall

The stall will be open at our talks, wine and waffles and shows this year. Your generosity over the years has raised considerable funds for the society. Thank you to those who have donated.

The coloured label pricing system for plant sales is working well. Seeds will remain at 10p a packet.

Top tip for seeds – please keep cool to improve the viability of the seeds.

Therefore, if you have any plants, seedlings, seeds, cuttings etc. you would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Please label your donations and include any useful planting advice for the new owner. Margery will price up the plants.

Please remember to bring a plastic carrier bag or box suitable to take your adopted plants home in.



Charing Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Charing Parish Council has asked us to inform all members living in Charing Parish that questionnaires for the Neighbourhood Plan will shortly be arriving on their doorsteps. Everyone aged 16 and upwards is asked to complete a questionnaire, either on-line or on paper. **Please do complete yours and encourage friends and neighbours to do so. A Neighbourhood Plan can have real teeth when it comes to planning decisions. So, it is hugely important that we have a good response rate so that the Plan really reflects residents' wishes and priorities.**

Hardy Orchids for the Garden

A talk by Daniel Denness

Wednesday 19th April - Church Barn, Charing, 7.30pm

(Not the Parish Hall as printed in the Annual)



This is a general talk about the care and growing of this intriguing and fascinating family of plants. It appears the growing of hardy orchids in the garden should be quite straight forward as we have around sixty wild species growing in Britain in varying habitats and conditions. This sounds like a great challenge for those of us who have not yet welcomed these beautiful plants into our gardens.

Entrance is £2 for members and £3 for non-members and includes refreshments. New members always welcome. There will be a raffle and please remember our **plant and seed re-homing stall** is up and running and ready to receive your kind donations. So please bring along any contributions you have plus a carrier bag to take home plants etc. that you adopt. Thank you.

Please could we call on our 'Willing Helpers' to help tidy away after this event.

Godinton Park Estate Walk

A guided walk with Nick Sandford the Estate Manager
followed by tea and cake

Friday 5th May – 3pm prompt

A guided walk around the estate which will cost £7 per person (members and guests) and includes tea and cake. The walk is limited to 25 people so everyone can hear. The walk will take approximately an hour with lots of stops.

What better way to spend an afternoon – discovering the delights of this wonderful local estate – wildlife, woodland, river, flora and fauna, history and the running of the estate.

Please see full details of this event on page 60 of the annual. Any queries please contact Christine Flannery 714160.

Please ask for a lift – Don't miss out on any of our events

Give me a call 01233 635777 or email

Shaw Trust Horticultural Volunteers

We have received a very long and detailed email from the Shaw Trust. I have given the basis details below. Please see website.

As a horticultural volunteer, you will be supporting within a local project for a national charity that helps people facing disadvantage gain skills, find work and take control of their futures. You will use your gardening or horticultural skills to help with maintenance of the project gardens and support clients.

To find out more about becoming a Shaw Trust volunteer please email volunteers@shaw-trust.org.uk or call 0300 247 2222 or visit shaw-trust.org.uk

If anyone wants to apply they can via the Do-it.org website or by emailing or calling the contact details above. If anyone wants to arrange an informal visit before they apply ask them to contact me direct and I'll do my best to arrange it.

The garden is a bit of a blank canvas at the moment so this should be a really interesting and rewarding volunteering opportunity for people with an interest in horticulture of gardening.

Jason Moyes | Volunteering Development Specialist

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Places to Visit

Godinton House Gardens – splendid spring gardens – open every afternoon.

Hothfield Common – interesting any time of the year.

Visit our website
www.charingardeners.org.uk

Great Dixter Spring Plant Fair

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April 2017,
11am-4pm

A small but special Plant Fair, for
plantsmen and plant-lovers
The House and Gardens will be open for
the season.

Please see last months' newsletter or go to
the Great Dixter website for more details.

Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market Day

Sunday 25th June 10am – 5pm

Explore more than 30 private and
community gardens in the heart of historic
Faversham.

£6 per person or £10 for 2
children under 12 free.

www.favershamsociety.org

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