

Charing Gardeners' Society

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Newsletter



An afternoon talk

Gardening for Seniors

Don't be misled by the title here – this is in fact a talk for everyone who may find gardening a little more challenging

A talk by Malcolm Withnall

Monday 23rd January - 2pm – Church Barn, Charing

This talk is a new venture for us to provide an event in the afternoon in the winter months particularly for our older members who have told us they are not keen on venturing out on dark cold evenings.



'Gardening for Seniors' - an accumulation for ideas and suggestions on how to garden when the spirit is willing, but the body is creakier. These suggestions are equally applicable to a younger generation, who remain garden-shy as an enjoyable pastime. Malcolm explores 'easier ways of doing things' and modern tools for the job.

Malcolm trained at Wye College, and holds an RHS Master of Horticulture. He spent 25 years growing fruits and vegetables (mainly for supermarkets) and 22 years taught at Hadlow College, especially the RHS Courses for adult learners.

He has been on the Kent Federation speakers list for a long time, and has probably met every Club in the County, being a popular, challenging and controversial speaker!

Entrance is Members £2, non-members £3, to include refreshments – Raffle - We look forward to seeing you all there. Remember this is an afternoon talk.

2017 Gardeners Society Annual – subs now due

We will have the annual ready a month earlier than usual therefore it will be available at the above talk. Distributing annuals and collecting membership subs is a long job so we would ask that members try to pay and collect their annual at one of our events early this year.

Happy New Gardening Year to all our members and friends

As you will see from the opening item above we are off to a flying start in January this year, bringing you an afternoon talk to begin the year and encourage some of you to venture out in the afternoon to join us for a talk. Also to pay membership subs and collect your annual.

The committee are looking forward to bringing you yet another year of exciting and informative events in 2017. The Annual is being finalised for release at our first talk on 23rd January and will contain a full calendar of events for the coming year. The website continues to inform a wide audience regarding society events, information and news while the newsletter is sent out to over 150 members by email each month. We are proud to have launched our page on Facebook too in December – so please take a look.

We look forward to welcoming you to our events this year and hope we continue to provide a rewarding and enjoyable gardening club experience for everyone.

Please remember to let us know how we are doing throughout the year. Your feedback after events this year has been invaluable for us planning for the year ahead. Just drop me an email so I can share your thoughts with the rest of the committee.

Facebook

As you will be aware from the December newsletter we are embracing social media and have launched our page on facebook – Charing Gardeners Society - so please take a look and of course keep up with all the news and comment on our events. Kevin Giles is our webmaster and has been a webmaster for a while so will guide us through the advantages of social media.



Pay subs & collect your annual in the village

We hope to be able to offer the opportunity of renewing your annual membership (still just £3) and collecting your annual from our membership team while you are in Charing maybe visiting the farmers market on a Thursday, the library or of course one of our events. We are keen that all members receive their 2017 annual as early in the year as possible to ensure everyone knows the dates of up and coming events. If you have a neighbour or friend who is unable to collect their annual please give them a hand – bring along their membership renewal sub and deliver back their annual. We thank you for your help.
Membership - Nicky Bromley - 713615

Handicraft Classes

Spring show – 8th April 2017

Several members have asked us to publish the details of the handicraft classes for this year's spring show a little earlier so they can be prepared in good time.

Class 44 – Photograph; Snowdrops – Mounted or framed

Class 45 – A plant support

Class 46 – A knitted item for a baby

Spring Show Tulips

Don't forget to keep an eye on your Guiseppi tulips - will they be flowering for the spring show on April 8th?



Willing Helpers

We are lucky to have a group of members who are our 'willing helpers' – not on the committee, but step up and offer a hand when we are particularly busy or committee members have other commitments elsewhere. We would like to make this list official, so we as committee members, know who has put themselves forward and we can ring if we need help.

Therefore if you would like to be one of our much appreciated 'willing helpers' and are happy to have your name on the list, please let us know or email me or our secretary Christine Wickenden and let us know your phone number and email address. If you have been on our list in previous years please let us know if you wish to remain on the list. Thank you.

Gardener Required

We have received a message from Lindsay Marshall who has recently moved into Peirce House in the High Street and is looking for some help with the garden. The family lack both time and expertise and wondered if anyone would like a garden to tend or is looking for gardening work in the village. Please get in touch with Lindsay if you are interested.

lindsay.marshall@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Social

Around 35 members joined us for the end of year Christmas social evening and most made a delightful table decoration to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who brought along foliage berries, cones etc. for everyone to share. Maybe we will see a few more members having a go at floral art this year, who knows!



Show Dates 2017

Spring – 8nd April
Summer – 15th July
Autumn – 23rd September

It's never too early to start planning for this year's shows!

Schedules will be published in the Annual due out later this month

See above for handicraft class details for the spring show

(Schedules remain pretty much the same year on year – but there are a few changes this year – so look out for those)

Well done to all the new exhibitors last year – we hope to see you all again this year.

Ask for a lift

Please don't miss out on any of our events – give me a call – we can organise a lift. 01233 635777 or email.

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Please let me know if you change your email address

Please visit our website
www.charinggardeners.org.uk

