

FOUR COLNES HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Members Newsletter November 2018

The Four Colnes AGM

About 40 members of the Society were entertained and informed by Darren Lerigo as he gave us tips on how to plan our gardens to be in tune with nature and the locations we find ourselves in rather than make work for ourselves trying to achieve something 'alien' to that.

There were a couple of changes to the committee.

Pierre Irminger who stood down as Treasurer. Although no one offered to fill this vital role on the night we were contacted by Barry Lynham a few days later and we are pleased to report that he has agreed to be our Treasurer.

Beryl Amy has been a very active committee member and has managed the membership for a number of years. She has been replaced on the committee and as Membership Secretary by Alan de Bank.

All other existing committee members were happy to continue and were duly re-elected.

It was agreed that the Annual Show would be held on 10th August 2019.

Indoor Market & Membership renewal.

We were pleased that so many existing members and also many new members joined the Society at the Indoor Market on 3rd November. It was a fine morning and the 20 or so stalls offered a wide variety of opportunities to buy a little something for someone else or indeed yourself.

Setting up in progress.



We had a new banner to help promote the Society and the stall selling surplus, seeds and cuttings donated by members raised just under £40.

Thanks to all who ran the event, donated things and came along.

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Colin Ebdon manning the Four Colnes Horticultural Society 'table'.

We received some feedback on the proposed events for the coming year which we have taken into consideration when coming up with the suggestions below. We are always open to ideas from members so please get in touch if you have a recommended speaker or place to visit.

Unfortunately, the Ely Flower festival, which received a lot of positive feedback, is only held every 4 years so it looks like that will be one for 2022!

There had been a suggestion made to have a talk on no dig gardening by Charles Dowding. This suggestion had lots of interest. This has been investigated but as it would cost £1300 before venue hire we think it's a non-starter.

Facebook/website

Is there anyone who could get involved in updating the Society website and Facebook information? We currently employ someone who could still offer support but it would be preferable if an interested member would be prepared to take it on.

Following the request in the last Newsletter the following quote was received from a member.

Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful' and sitting in the shade. Rudyard Kipling.

Christmas Party and Charity donations presentation evening. Friday, 14th December 7.30pm, Earls Colne village hall.

Ticket available. Members £5 Guests £8. Bring your own drinks and glasses. The Society will present over £1000 of donations, provide entertainment, nibbles, cake and company.

Please contact Richard Curtis 01787 224609 or email him on r_curtis_halstead_road@hotmail.com to reserve your place, arrange tickets & make payment.

Don't forget to remind your friends/family/neighbours/work colleagues to join the Society or renew their membership so they can keep up to date with all of the planned events.

Contact the membership Secretary, Alan de Bank on 01787 222884 or email him on alan.debank@btinternet.com for further information.

We hope you will renew your membership if you have not already done so. The membership list will be updated at the end of December 2018 and you will not receive any more information from us after this Newsletter if you do not renew.

Records of the Society have been deposited at the Essex Records Office. If you want to access the records the information you will need is Accession Number A15005 - Catalogue Ref:D/Z 731.

If you do have any records pertaining to the Society then you can contact the Secretary who will arrange for them to be taken to the Records Office, as appropriate.

Meet other FCHS members? Find out what works in their gardens and maybe get a cutting? Talk about what's good and what's not in your garden?

The committee thought it may be a good way of members getting to know each other (as well as sharing some gardening knowledge) if some of us would be prepared to invite other members to look around our gardens and/or allotments. If there is interest in this it would be ideal if we could identify a regular 'time'

for this to occur. Maybe the first Monday of the month? We're thinking one a month March-October (probably excluding August).

Also your suggestions for a name for this; something like Sow and Share but hopefully more witty? Please get in touch with the Secretary if you would like to share your garden or have a good name suggestion.

Proposed FCHS events/coach trips 2019

Hever Castle Tulip Festival, 27th April. Price £35pp. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to reserve a place on this outing which will be organised by Donna Goodchild.

All other visits are organised by Mike Brennan. See details /booking form on the back of this Newsletter.

Stop Press. There are still 5 seats available on the Coach to Wisley on 1st December, cost £17. Contact Sarah Adlem if you are interested.

Design of schedule. We'd like to give the Show Schedule a bit of a makeover and maybe move towards producing a 'year book' for the Society next year containing all the planned events as well as details of the Show classes. Do you have skills to help us do this; maybe you know someone who does?

Classes for the 10th August 2019, Four Colnes Show.

As usual we have provisionally agreed the classes for those Sections where you can really get ahead and make or take entries.

SECTION C - ART, CRAFT & PHOTOGRAPHY

Class	No. or Max. Size
70. A handmade Christmas card for a relative	
71. A hand knitted article, any ply	
72. Crochet, tatting, lace-making, any article	
73. Needlework, machine and/or handmade, any article	
74. Canvas work, tapestry, cross stitch, counted thread only	
75. Any patchwork article, machine and / or hand made	
76. A table mat, any material	
77. A decorative garden cane topper	
78. A lavender inspired craft item, any material	
79. A scarf, any material	
80. A set of craft items, any material	* see note below
81. Any other craft not covered by the other classes	* see note below
82. Art, painting/drawing, any medium (Traditional)	60cm x 60cm
83. Art, painting/drawing, any medium (Modern)	60cm x 60cm
84. Miniature art	10cm x 10cm

PHOTOGRAPHY

Class	Subject	No.
90.	Water 3 ways	Set of 3 photographs
91.	In bud; In bloom	Set of 2 photographs
92.	Two photos on the theme of World War 2	Set of 2 photographs
93.	Angles	1 photograph
94.	Soft	1 photograph
95.	Still life	1 photograph
96.	Digitally enhanced picture, any subject	1 photograph
97.	People and places at a Four Colnes Horticultural Society event	1 photograph, state where it was taken and the year

As there is some space these are the proposed Home Economics classes. So get practicing!

SECTION B - HOME ECONOMICS

41.	Vegetarian Flan	20cm dia.	
42.	Homemade fatless sponge flan with glazed fruit filling	21cm dia.	
43.	Lemon Garland biscuits	(5)	See recipe
44.	White Cob loaf using 500g of flour.	1 loaf	
45.	My favourite recipe incorporating chocolate		
46.	Stollen made using yeast and having marzipan inside.	1	
47.	Decorated cupcakes judged on decoration only	(4)	
48.	A sweet from your childhood	(5)	
49.	Gingerbread	1 cake /loaf	
50.	Soda bread	1 loaf	
51.	Carrot cake with frosting	1 cake	MEN ONLY

