

FOUR COLNES

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Newsletter September 2018

The Four Colnes Show 2018

The committee are very appreciative of the support from FCHS members in setting up, clearing away and of course exhibiting at and attending The Show. We are also grateful to other non FCHS members of the community especially those who run the dog show and make announcements.

If you'd like to be more involved in the planning and/or running of the Show next year please get in touch.

YES we are hoping to run a Show in 2019 so leave Saturday, 10th August free and start to plan your entries!

Membership renewal.

Your FCHS membership runs out at the end of September 2018. Renew before 31st December 2018 for £3 or after then for £5. It really helps the Membership Secretary if you can renew promptly.

Thanks to Beryl Amy who has done a fantastic job as Membership Secretary for many years. Beryl would very much like for someone else to undertake the role now. If that could be YOU please contact Sarah Adlem, Secretary.

Four Colnes Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting. Friday October 12th 7.30pm Quaker Meeting House, Burrows Road, Earls Colne. Speaker Darren Lerigo. A former award winning playwright, radio script writer and stand up comedian Darren is now a gardener and topiary artist. An organic gardener with a passion for modern gardening ideas.

What Do I Do With This Space?

A talk that looks at how other cultures treat their outdoor spaces. A mixture of funny stories and practical advice, it shares techniques people from all over the world use to stop weeds taking over your borders and deer nibbling your plants.

Look up his website for more information about him, www.modernmint.co.uk.

Please find attached to this Newsletter, Notice of the AGM giving further details.

In addition to the post of Membership Secretary we **must** find a new Treasurer.

Pierre Irminger has done a very efficient job for the last two years. It is critical for the **continuation of the Society** that this role is filled. Just to be clear about this; if we have no Treasurer then we would be forced to close down the Society. So again if you or anyone you know would be prepared to take it on they should get in touch with either the Chairman, Peter Grimshaw or the Secretary.

Attending the AGM also gives you an ideal opportunity to renew your membership. There is no charge for attendance at the AGM, everyone is welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided.

The committee would welcome any thoughts or ideas from members as to what sort of activities they would like the Society committee to organise. Some of the trips planned for this year had to be

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cancelled due to lack of support so feedback would be most appreciated. Again if you would like to join the group organising these events we would love to hear from you.

Indoor market, Earls Colne Village Hall, York Road, Saturday 3rd November 9.30am-12noon

The usual eclectic mix of stalls offering something for everybody. Homemade cakes and tea/coffee (donations of cake would be welcome). Another opportunity for you to renew your membership.

Also, if you have any plants or seeds that you can donate for us to sell that would be great. If you can spare an hour to help with the refreshments or on the FCHS stand please get in touch.

We will also have a raffle.

Facebook

Could you provide content for our Facebook page?

Do you know any snappy gardening sayings or quotes that you feel sum up gardening for you? I've raided the David Domoney website for these examples. Let us know yours, we'll put them on the FCHS Facebook page.

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. Audrey Hepburn

Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes. Unknown

Christmas Party and Charity donations presentation evening. Friday, 14th December, Earls Colne Village Hall. Ray Spiller is booked again as he was so popular in 2016.

The FCHS undertakes to distribute surplus Society funds to local good causes. In the past we have made donations to The Air Ambulance, The Valley First Responders, Parkinson's and many more.

If you would like to suggest a charity and tell us why you think the FCHS should consider donating to it, please drop the committee a line. We can put the suggestions forward at the AGM.

Wisley Lights, Saturday 1st December, £17 Per person. As an affiliated society we are able to get free entrance to RHS Wisley, so the charge is just for the coach. Payment by 20th October. **Organiser Sarah Adlem, 112 Colchester Road, White Colne, CO6 2PP, 01787 223521, email: sarahadlem@aol.com**

We have a 53 seater coach booked and so far only 38 people have contacted me to reserve spaces.

Don't forget to renew your membership.

I have attached a form that you can return by email or post. Details of how to pay are contained on that form. If you will not be at the AGM or the Indoor market to renew we do need the form returned to check your details are correct but also so we have your permission to hold your data and contact you.

You can renew by bank transfer (see details attached) but if you are paying for other events please can you do so with a **separate** transfer.



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