



**HAYLING ISLAND
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SPRING 2018
NEWSLETTER**

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

It has got to be one of our coldest spells for many a year, I was up at the Trading Centre this morning, there were no muddy puddles, they were frozen solid! The temperature gauge read 1c. Yet despite this cold snap we have snowdrops in full bloom. The seasons are turning crazy.

I am not certain whether you will receive this Newsletter prior to the Gardeners' Questions session, just in case you do, this BBC programme, hosted by Rebecca Parker of Radio Solent, is being held at the Community Centre, Main Hall on Wednesday 28th February at 2.30 pm. Tickets available from Gill Elton 023 9246 1942 or the Community Centre.

The talk by David Standing on 24th January, was excellent, I had no idea that he had been the Head Gardener at Gilbert White's in Selbourne. Apparently he went there in 1979 for possibly 6 weeks, he left in September 2017!

His talk was well attended, the audience being swollen by a number of Members wanting tickets for Eve Osborne's day trips. I understand that there are a few places left on each day. Contact Eve on 023 9246 6426.

Our first Show of the year kicks off on the 24th March, and, as usual, the main flower will be the daffodil. I could all but be certain that Peter Rogers will be itching to display his favourite varieties.

Please come along, enjoy the displays, and the tea room cakes as served by June Kemp and her team of volunteers.

During March we also have the talk on the 28th by Graham Cornick entitled "On the Wild Side". An intriguing title!

The Growing Together Project is currently active with Community First through their Positive Pathways programme, and we have had such marvellous support with the reinstatement of the Stead & Ritchie

Memorial Garden. Thanks also to the Hayling Men's Shed who have kindly built and fitted kick boards to some of the footpaths in the garden, there is still much to be done, but slowly and surely we are now winning.

We have a team helping at Mill Rythe Junior School, and during February we are hoping to clear scrub and rotten trees.

At the College we have a team of female students who are doing so well, and who are determined to do well in the School Garden Competition. Lockheed Martin have actually asked if they can help again at the College, as they were so impressed. Thank you so much to all their staff who give up their day off.

Mengham Junior, under the guidance of Tony Athill, are quietly confident. We need to do more work with both the Infant Schools over the coming months.

Bill Biggs, Chairman

SPRING SHOW—SATURDAY 24th MARCH

With just a few weeks to go before the Spring Show now is the time to plan ahead if you wish to enter any of the classes. The final deadline for entries is at 6pm on Wednesday the 21st March.

For 'Men Only' the challenge is producing perfect Cheese Scones, and for the adventurous growers, resident expert Peter Rogers has produced a guide to growing and showing daffodils. This can be found on our excellent web-site and will help you select the right bloom for the right class. Somewhere in your garden may well be the perfect flower!

If you are able to help setting up, or on the day itself then please let John Lark know. Extra helpers are always needed to help the show run smoothly.

And finally, if you just want to enjoy the spectacle on the day, to sample the best tea and cakes on the Island, or buy some plants, then you will be very welcome.

**Tim Speller
Show Manager**

WEBSITE FORMS (www.hihs.org.uk)

Always endeavouring to make the HIHS website more interactive it is intended to add a membership form to complete on line, however my limited HTML language skills have proven wanting.

Is there anyone who can help to provide the software to integrate into the existing site and achieve?

If there is a Member who can oblige, please use the return form on the website to contact, yours in need.

**Norman Newton
Website Editor**

ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP

Firstly I would like to thank any Members who have placed an advert in the 2018 Year Book or sponsored classes at our Shows, thanks very much for your support, it is much appreciated.

By now you will have had a chance to look at your new Year Book and I hope you will agree with me that this year's is the best yet, with lots of lovely colourful adverts and some additional information. The Lions Club have once again given us a very generous donation of £450 to be used for our schools' projects and our local MP gave us £150 towards prize money at our Shows. Many thanks to them and all our sponsors.

Several advertisers decided to increase their adverts to a whole page this time which, of course, brings in more revenue. As the saying goes, "every little helps!"

If you are the owner of a local business, or know anyone who is, then why not advertise in our next Year Book? This goes out to approximately 800 homes on the Island and 40 off. The cost is £100 for a whole page, £50 for a half and £25 for a quarter. My contact details are opposite page 1 of the Book, or you can email on mags.martin1@sky.com and we can take it from there. Although I don't start work on next year's Book until September I can reserve you a space in the 2019 edition.

Lastly, if you use the services of any of our advertisers then please remember to tell them that you saw their advert in the Horticultural Society Year Book, this will ensure they advertise again.

Maggie Martin
Advertising & Sponsorship

TEA ROOM — CATERING

We had a very good 2017, wonderful cakes. Thank you cake makers.

Thank you to all the helpers, lunch went well and also the afternoon, without your support it wouldn't be such a success.

Perhaps some of you saw my appeal for someone to take on the catering. Just one person came forward; thanks to Kay Hawkins for stepping up, I will be going through what we do soon, and hope she will be happy to take over.

We are always looking for more helpers on show days.

June Kemp
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TRADING CENTRE UPDATE - SPRING

Hi Everybody,

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The special 'black Friday' purchase of 20k 6X Chicken Manure is selling slower than expected.

This is a fantastic deal . 20k for £9.30. The 8k tub sells at £5.10. You do the maths, need I say more.

SUMMER FLOWERING STOCK

The summer flowering stock has just come in and out on display at usual discounted prices.

So, we have selection of: Begonia ,Gloxinias, Lily's ,Dahlias, Pleione, Nerine & Ranunculus.

SEEDS

We have suffered a visit from the local field mice. Over £40 worth of seeds were rendered unsaleable. You will therefore find Beans and Peas located in boxes which hopefully will keep them at bay. **Team Leaders please make sure lids are securely in place at close of business.**

Well that's it for now, until the next time. Good gardening.

Peter Jackson
Hon Trading Manager

OUTINGS – 2018

Wednesday 23 May - MUSEUM OF LONDON + PEWTER LIVE

Tuesday 19 June - HIDCOTE MANOR GARDEN + STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Thursday 19 July - DORNEY COURT, WINDSOR + RIVER THAMES CRUISE

After the flurry of January bookings you will be pleased to know there are still places available on our first two Outings and a Reserve List for the July trip.

Links on our Society website - www.hihs.org.uk - give you full details of each venue, for example

* PEWTER LIVE - shows the whole design process prior to the final entries we will see on our visit in May.

* HIDCOTE MANOR GARDEN - is run by the National Trust

Please note that this year the coach will not be leaving from HIADS theatre, but from the Community Centre Station Road exit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact me or collect a BOOKING FORM from the Trading Centre. To avoid disappointment please call me before sending cheque. Thank you.

Eve Osborne Outings Organiser
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CHEESE SCONE ROUND – MEN ONLY

INGREDIENTS

For the scone

225g (8oz) self-raising flour
½ level teaspoon salt
½ level teaspoon mustard powder
¼ level teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 level teaspoon baking powder
25g (1oz) butter
125g (4oz) grated mature cheddar
1 large egg
A little milk



For the topping

25g (1oz) grated cheese

METHOD

Preheat oven to 220c/200fan/Gas7/425f. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Sieve the flour, salt, mustard powder, cayenne pepper and baking powder into a large bowl.

Add the butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Stir in grated cheese.

Break the egg into a measuring jug then make up to 150ml (¼ pint) with milk. Stir the egg and milk into the dry ingredients and mix to a soft but not sticky dough.

Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead lightly. Roll out to a 15cm (6”) circle. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet and mark into six wedges. Brush with a little milk and sprinkle with 25g (1oz) grated cheese.

Bake for about 15 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Slide onto a wire rack to cool.

SPRING SHOW 2018 CORNISH STICKY CAKE

INGREDIENTS

For the fruit layer

1 tablespoon golden syrup
50g (2oz) butter
25g (1oz) brown sugar
40g (1½ oz) flaked almonds
40g (1½ oz) glace cherries, quartered
25g (1oz) sultanas
25g (1oz) stem ginger, cut into small pieces



For the sponge mixture

175g (6oz) butter, softened
175g (6oz) caster sugar
3 large eggs
175g (6 oz) self-raising flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
1 heaped tablespoon ground ginger

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180c/160fan/gas4/350f. Grease and line a 900g (2 lb) loaf tin.

To make the fruit layer: measure the syrup, butter and sugar into a pan. Gently heat, stirring, until just melted.

Add the almonds, cherries, sultanas and ginger pieces and stir until combined.

Spoon into the base of the tin.

To make the sponge,: measure all the ingredients into a bowl. Beat together until smooth and combined. Spoon on top of the fruit layer in the tin and spread out evenly.

Bake for 45-50 minutes until well risen and lightly golden. Leave to cool for 5 minutes, then tip upside down and remove the paper.

TALKS

Tickets are going well for Radio Solent's Gardeners' Questions, details of this event can be found on the Web Site.

The talk for March 28th is "A Talk on the Wild Side" with Graham Cornick from, Hydestile Resident Animals in Surrey.

Graham has been working with wildlife since 1978, he has a great deal of knowledge and compassion for the subject, and has been lecturing for over 20 years.

The talks are designed to encourage people of all ages to respect our animals wild or domestic, and encourage them to protect and improve the environment for future generations to enjoy.

Graham will be bringing some of his animal friends with him, they are all very well behaved and are used to traveling with him to talks

Our speaker on Wednesday 25th April is Judy Theobald – “Life and other Problems”.

Judy started work as a secretary, but did not take to it, although the skills that she was taught helped out later. Bored with office life she joined the Police Force in 1970, but that did not really suit her either, her wish was to become a journalist.

She was offered a column in a local paper. from there she has been a reporter, sub editor and a reporter on BBC Radio Lincolnshire. Her clever and droll observations of life along with her confident and easy manner have kept many amused during her talks and witty poems.

Gill Elton 023 9246 1942

Lecture Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hello everyone,

At the time of writing the membership stands at 812 and hopefully this will increase as the year progresses.

Welcome to all of our new families that have signed up and hope you will enjoy and take advantage of the Trading Centre Shop.

I would also like to welcome three new distributors Deborah Clarke who has taken over Marine Walk, Angharad Pike who now has St Peters Road, Church Lane, Northney Road and Pycroft, and Liese Holden who has Fernhurst Close.

And, to thank the Distributors who are now retiring, Marilyn Skennerton, Eleanor Taylor and Enid Walters, for your support and hard work which has been very much appreciated.

Many thanks as always to all the 49 Distributors battling with the dreadful weather we have recently endured to deliver Year Books and Newsletters, and membership cards.

And to finish I would like to thank all the Members who support our Facebook Group and join in with the banter and ideas that are posted on there.

Lesley Tyrrell
Membership Secretary

100+ CLUB

Drawn numbers for December 2017 were:

First 8, Second 24, and Third 89.

Drawn numbers for January 2018 were:

First 34, Second 29, and Third 113.

The renewal letters for next year, (starting in March), have all been sent out; if you have not received yours please let me know. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and paid already.

If you wish to be part of this for next year, new Members are always welcome. For more information and an application form, visit the website www.hihs.org.uk or contact the club organiser.

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