

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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President Mrs Lorna Price



Chairman Mrs Sue Lipscomb

Dear Members,

I'm delighted to hear that we are due for a spell of fine and dry weather here in the south east which I can certainly do with in order to accomplish all those jobs in the garden that are so essential at this time of year! One job will be to plant my wallflowers and spring bulbs, along with the eternal weeding, of course! We shall, as usual, be selling Spring bulbs at our first October meeting. Many of these bulbs have been selected as being ideal for those keen to enter some of our daffodil classes in the Spring Show on 12th April 2014. So please do come and buy!

I'm hoping that you will all join us for the AGM later in October. As a reward for sitting through the formality of the meeting we shall be serving refreshments together with a glass of wine and also we shall be listening to John Tyler talking about the Changing Wildlife in the Chilterns, no doubt illustrated with his beautiful photographs. Our Christmas competition this year is to make a Christmas Decoration with a candle.

*With very best wishes,
Sue Lipscomb*

DT Brown's Seed Catalogue

The 2014 Brown's Seed Catalogue will be available at the October AGM meeting. Last year, members enjoyed a 40% discount on seeds and 10% on most other items. The level of discount depends on the number of orders submitted, so that the more seeds that are ordered the greater the discount. If you cannot get to this meeting, please contact our secretary, Maureen Ridler. Completed forms must be with Maureen by 1st December.

Spring Show 2014 Saturday 12th April

In the Spring show there are several classes such as grow for show, Society Bloom, Village Pink and the Penrice Cup class where the Society selects the bulbs. These will be available at our meeting on the 9th October.

We are also planning a special children's class for a single daffodil grown and presented in a 6" pot. This will open to all children up to and including 14 years.

All you need to do is to plant the daffodil bulb (supplied by the Society), leave outside in a sheltered position and watch it grow. Advice will be supplied on applying fertilizer and encouraging the bulb to flower in time for the show. It is that easy. Please let Ralph or Ken know if you want your children to take part.

Further details of our exciting Spring Show programme will appear with the next newsletter.

Society Diary

All talks are held in the Anthony Hall, Aston Clinton and start at 8 pm. They are all free to members, but there will be a raffle and produce & plant stall to defray costs. Non-members are charged at £2. Coffee and tea are served in the interval.

Wednesday 9th October

Talk with slides: '**Stowe Gardens**' by John Cornwall

Daffodil and tulip bulb sale.

Wednesday 23rd October

Annual General meeting followed by talk '**Chilterns Changing wildlife**' by John Tyler

Wednesday 13th November

Talk & slides : "**Gunpowder Plot**" by Dick Bignall

Wednesday 11th December

Annual Christmas talk & slides. by Alan Goodger.

Christmas Buffet plus Christmas Competition -
Make a Christmas decoration with a candle