

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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President Mrs Lorna Price

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Chairman Mrs Sue Lipscomb



Dear Members,

We have had, so far, an incredibly mild winter so the hope of many of us who enter our daffodils into the Spring Show is that they will not progress too quickly. It is, of course, more difficult to control their progress if they are growing naturally in the garden but if they are in pots it is a little easier. Sadly, for me this year with neither greenhouse nor garage there is very little I can do with my pots except move them either into the sun or the shade, so fingers crossed! I do hope that many of you will enter our new hellebore class this year. This is a flower notorious for hanging its head so the idea of floating the flowers in water will be the answer (see Class 51a). Please do have a go!

Our Spring Show this year is on April 2nd and I do hope many of you will support this event by entering. It is always a very enjoyable afternoon and if you have no entries, do please come to walk around, and enjoy the spectacle. There are always plants to buy and once you have examined the entries you can sit down and enjoy some delicious cake and a cup of tea. There are still tickets left for the Social Supper on March 12th in the Anthony Hall and this year Frances Farley, our Social Secretary, has arranged for the Ridgeway Chorale to entertain us after we have enjoyed the meal, cooked as usual by Evelyn and John Seaton.

Finally allow me to wish you all a very Happy New Year and a horticulturally productive one too!

With very best wishes,
Sue Lipscomb

20TH SPRING SHOW

Annual Social Supper

Our Social Supper this year is on Saturday 12th March in the Anthony Hall. You are asked to be there by 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The supper will take the form of a buffet provided by John Seaton. There will be both hot and cold dishes and vegetarians are catered for. These will be followed up by a range of sweets.

A complimentary glass of red or white wine or soft drink is included in your ticket. You are advised to bring your own drink for the rest of the evening.

There will be a raffle at the end of the evening and contributions to this will be gratefully received. The tickets are numbered, but do not lose them as there is also a lucky number prize.

The supper is followed by entertainment from Richard Grylls and his Ridgeway Chorale: a group of about 18 singers. To reserve your places contact Francis Farley on 630072

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.

Saturday 12th March

Annual Social Supper 7 for 7.30 pm: £12 per head followed by:
Richard Grylls & Ridgeway Chorale

Wednesday 30th March

Entry Night for Spring Show Anthony Hall 6.00 -7.45 pm

Saturday 2nd April

20th Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale
2 pm in the Aston Clinton School Hall. Entry £1

Wednesday 13th April

Graham Austin from Home Farm Plants
Talk - **Delphiniums**

Wednesday 11th May

Mick Jones, warden of the BBOWT reserve
Talk: **Conservation of Dancersend Valley & the Rothschilds**

Society Summer Visit to RHS Wisley

This year our annual garden visit will be to RHS Wisley on Thursday 7th July 2016. The return trip by coach from Aston Clinton + Garden Entrance + Coach Driver Tip - £15 per person. There is an optional: 1 hour guided tour of the garden at £3 per person – minimum 10 people needed. The coach leaves from the car park, The Bell, Aston Clinton, 8.45am for a prompt departure at 9.00am and the estimated arrival time at RHS Wisley is 10.30am. If you have not been to RHS Wisley for some time it is well worth a visit and you will see the many changes that have taken place, not least, the new “Glasshouse”. There are plenty of restaurants and cafés or you can take your own picnic. There is still room on the coach; if you want to come Please contact Diane Kolonko - Telephone: 01296 631122 - Mobile: 07930 337253 - Email: dianekolonko@f2s.com or fill in the form below

Village Market

Once again your Society has taken a stall at the Aston Clinton Village Market that is held in the grounds of the village school. It takes place on Sunday, 8th May, opening at 11am and ending at 4pm. We shall have our usual range of plants for sale including potted Geraniums (some in flower) ready to pot into your tubs and window boxes. There will be bedding plants and perennials. If members grow them we shall sell them. We hope to have runner beans and tomato plants. There will also be produce. This annual market, which also raises funds for our school, has a large range of stalls and food. It is worth a visit and if have any surplus plants for us to sell all the better.

2016 Spring Show and Plant Sale

This year will be our **20th** annual Spring Show. It will be held on the weekend after Easter on Saturday **2nd April**, in the Aston Clinton School Hall. The show opens to the public at 2.00pm. Entry is £1, children free. Exhibitors must have their entries on the show benches by 10.30. Entry night is the previous Wednesday **30th March, 6.00 – 7.45pm at the Anthony Hall.**

Those of you who have trophies, please return them to Ken Halls by entry night at the latest. Full details of all the classes are in the schedule which comes with this newsletter. The show includes all the regular features and classes. There are plenty of challenges for everyone to have a go and enter something. As it is our 20th Show some of the classes will reflect this milestone.

The Spring Show naturally concentrates on the huge variety of daffodils that have been bred over the years and reflect the 11 divisions plus miniatures that can be grown. They are not just the standard yellow, but include mixtures of yellow – white, all white and some with, red, orange and pink (hence the village pink class). Come and see, and bring your friends and family. Discover what local amateurs can grow.

Look through the schedule; there are plenty of classes for novices who perhaps only have the daffodils they can find in the garden, and encourage your children or grandchildren to enter. Even if you have not got any daffodils to show the other half of the schedule covers a whole range of competitive classes from Floral Art through Spring flowers, tulips, a domestic section for the cooks amongst us, handicrafts, and the children's sections for different age groups. **Please note there is a new class 51A for floating heads of Hellebore flowers in a bowl no larger than 10ins in diameter.**

There are always some subject changes for the show. These are –

Classes 81 £ 82: Adult photograph classes' entitled – “**Cityscape**”

Class 73: Children (9 to 14 years) photograph title – “**Trees**”

Class 52: Floral Art novice class – **Flower arrangement in a piece of china** (china is the gift for a 20th Wedding anniversary!)

Class 55: Floral Art niche – **20th Anniversary Celebration**

Class 66: A 7" round fruit cake for a **celebration of the Societies' 20th Spring Show anniversary**, as per recipe on page 17 of the schedule

If you have not entered in the Spring Show before now is the time to “Have a Go” as the radio show used to say.

Remember there will also be the Society's plant sale. We will be selling trailing geraniums, fuchsias, sweet peas, a range of perennials, primulas and other early pot and bedding plants. If there are any plants you are looking for, let us know soon and we shall do our best. However no guarantees can be given, but we may be able to find your plant for the May School Market.

The Browns will be selling their plants and there will be our raffle stall to help defray costs. Teas will be available.

We need help to set up the show on the Friday afternoon from 4pm in the school hall. Perhaps more importantly we need as many people as possible to help clear away the tables etc. after the show closes at around 5pm on the day of the show. Contributions to the raffle would be much appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Ken Halls Spring Show Secretary

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ASTON CLINTON, BUCKLAND & DRAYTON BEAUCHAMP HORTICULURAL SOCIETY Booking Form for RHS Wisley Garden Visit on Thursday 7th July 2016.

Please book me tickets at £15 each Please book me tickets for the Garden Tour at £3 each (optional)

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I enclose a total of £..... to cover the cost of the tickets & Garden Tour (*Please post date the cheque 1/6/2016*).

Please return the booking form and money to Diane Kolonko.

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