

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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Dear Members,

This, once again, is the newsletter which accompanies the schedule for the Summer Show. However this is a time of exciting changes regarding its venue. Nick at the Cafe in the Park is kindly sponsoring the show this year and we also must thank Aston Clinton Parish Council for allowing us to erect our marquee and gazebos on the grass alongside the 'Cafe in the Park'.

Maureen Ridler (3, Blackmore Gate) would love to receive donations for the tombola stall, raffle prizes and books for the stalls at the Summer Show. We will have our usual plant and produce stall and look forward to your contributions to that brought to AC Park adjacent to the Cafe in the Park on the morning of the show. Maureen will also be able to receive plants for that stall beforehand if that is more convenient for you.

We will also run our usual cake stall and would be delighted to receive cakes and jams for that too.

Changes to the schedule will be explained in my article in this newsletter. I do hope you enjoy browsing through the schedule and that it entices you to come and to enter this year even if you have never entered before. As always we are delighted when new people bite the bullet, and decide to enter the show for the first time. You may be able to entice other members of your family and even neighbour's to have a go this year.

The children's classes are always viewed with interest by the general public and it is always good to think that we are encouraging the younger members of the community to enter the Show too.

Finally I must thank Diane Kolonko for masterminding the superb coach trip to Wisley earlier in July. Do look out for our next coach trip which will probably be in July next year! Any ideas for our next venue would be gratefully received. Thank you so much Diane for your efforts on our behalf, you even arranged brilliant weather for us!

I look forward to seeing you at the Show, do please come and support us at our new venue.

With very best wishes,
Sue Lipscomb

Exciting Changes to our Summer Show in 2016

This year we have made more changes than usual to the Show Schedule since our new venue is smaller than it was at Aston Clinton School. We aim to use the one large room adjacent to the 'Cafe in the Park' and also our marquee for the Show itself. I must admit I did count the number of entrants who entered each class throughout the whole Show for the last 4 years and I am sure you can understand why a few of the more poorly supported classes have not been included in this schedule.

One group of classes with very poor support were those in *Novice Flower* and *Novice Vegetable* sections. These sections are therefore no longer part of the schedule but we do believe that we should be encouraging novices to enter our Show. For this reason you will see that there is a Novice class within both the Vegetable and Flower sections of the Show and each has its own dedicated cup.

Here are a few key details:-

- **Class 31 Novice Mini Collection.** This is a vegetable class for novices with an associated cup. Details on p23. This is a great way to begin showing vegetables.
- **Class 69 Novice Class Bowl of Mixed Garden Flowers.** This would be a good class to begin with if you have never showed flowers before, and you could win a cup!
- **Class 70 Novice Class.** This year this will be an arrangement in a jug. This could be a good way to try a flower arranging class for the first time.
- **Classes 142 & 143** the adult photography classes are entitled '**Wildlife**' so see what you can do between now and the Show.
- **Class 134** in the older children's section, the photograph needed is entitled '**In the Woods**'. Do see whether you can encourage children between 9 and 14 years old to enter this class.
- For those of you who have an allotment on Aston Clinton Park we are once again judging the **best allotment** and the prize for this is a year's free rent. Good luck to all allotment holders. We also award the Rolfe Cup to the lucky winner.

And finally, please do support us in our new venue this year, we would be delighted to see you there. And remember **Entry Night is on August 17th between 6pm and 7.45pm in the Anthony Hall** and that is the last time to return any cups you won last year!

Sue Lipscomb, Show Secretary

Society Stalls at Weston Turville Fete and Buckland Open Gardens

The Society made just over £190 from plant sales at the Weston Turville fete and Buckland Open Gardens. This was after we donated £30 to Buckland Church. A big thank you to all who helped or gave plants.

Spring Show Secretary

Ken Halls has stood down as the Spring Show Secretary after 10 years. We are looking for a replacement. It is not a too onerous task. If we cannot find a replacement, then the Spring Show and Plant sale will have to close.

