

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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President Mrs Lorna Price



Chairman Mrs Sue Lipscomb

Dear Members,

I'm writing this letter whilst we are in the teeth of this extraordinarily strong wind, caused I believe, by Storm Doris. It's such a benign name for such a vicious wind which whilst I'm typing this is blowing the emptied dustbins around the streets of Aston Clinton! Trying to ignore Doris for a moment, our Winter this year has been fairly mild and I find myself eyeing my pots of daffodils (which are supposed to be at peak condition for the Spring Show) and wondering whether some need to be brought into the greenhouse soon to be encouraged to speed towards flowering. There is one pot however which has buds appearing already and it is always harder to hold daffodils back than to speed them up.

The Spring Show Schedule accompanies this newsletter and it will, I hope, encourage you all to come and enjoy the afternoon but also entice some who have never 'shown' in our Spring Show, to enter. Just be warned though, that once you start it is very easy to become hooked! If you do decide to grow a few daffodils to enter next year, just remember that it is easier if they are in pots as you can then control their development to an extent...or that's the idea.

Now that we all have this year's diary, do look at the list of talks and events that have been organised; we would be delighted if you could join us for as many as you can. Bring friends with you if you think they might be interested in the talk that Frances has organised for that evening. It would be great to gain some new members for the society in that way. And finally, if you haven't booked yet for the coach trip this year to the amazing Beth Chatto's gardens then do consider it. I have only visited once before and am really looking forward to my second visit. Her mantra is always to put the 'right plant in the right place'; if the conditions are right, the plant will thrive (or that's the general idea!)

*With very best wishes,
Sue Lipscomb*

OBITUARY

We have just heard that Roy Morris, a loyal and generous member of the Horticultural Society, who moved north to be with his son and then eventually moved into a care home because of mobility problems, died in January aged 95. He was a wonderful man & a real gentleman.

He had a room that overlooked the garden and he died peacefully in his sleep. When he came to Aston Clinton he lived in the bungalow next to the church.

Annual Social Supper

Our Social Supper this year is on Saturday 11th 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 & Evelyn 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 a lucky number prize.

The supper is followed by: **Movies from Pinewood interpreted by Floral Art**. To reserve your places contact Frances 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 11th March

Annual Social Supper 7 for 7.30 pm: £12 per head followed by: **Movies from Pinewood interpreted by Floral Art**

Thursday 6th April

Entry Night for Spring Show Anthony Hall 6.00 -7.45 pm

Saturday 8th April

21st Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale
2 pm in the Aston Clinton School Hall. Entry £1

Wednesday 12th April

Ken Panchon talk: **The History and Life of the Red Kite**

Sunday 7th May

Village Market at Aston Clinton School Grounds

Wednesday 10th May

Dr Twiggs: Talk: **An Insight into early Marriage & the Social History of Allotments**

Society Summer Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens

This year our annual garden visit will be to **Beth Chatto Gardens** on Thursday 6th July 2017. The return trip by Coach from Aston Clinton + Garden Entrance + Coach Driver Tip - £20 per person. There is an Optional: 1 hour Guided tour of the Garden at £4.75 per person – minimum 20 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 Beth Chatto is 11.0am. Beth Chatto Gardens is in Elstead Market, Colchester. There's lots to see including the famous gravel garden, water garden and a woodland garden. There is a tearoom and a plant nursery. You may 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 on the village school playgrounds. It takes place on Sunday, 7th May. It opens at 11am and ends 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 you any surplus plants and produce for us to sell all the better.

2017 Spring Show and Plant Sale

This year will be our **21st** annual Spring Show. It will be held before Easter on **8th April 2017**, in the hall at Aston Clinton School as before, opening at 2.00pm. Entry is £1, children free. Entry night is the previous Thursday **6th April, 6.00 – 7.45pm at the Anthony Hall.**

Those of you who have trophies, please return them to Graham Thirkettle (who has replaced Ken Halls as Spring Show Secretary), by entry night at the latest. Full details of the classes are published in the schedule attached to this newsletter, but the show includes all the regular features and classes including a section for daffodils, children, floral art, spring flowers, handicrafts and domestic. There are plenty of challenges for everyone to have a go and enter something. As it is our 21st 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 about half of the classes are pure daffodil. They reflect some of the 11 divisions plus miniatures that can be grown. They are not just yellow, but include mixtures of yellow – white, all white and some with pink (hence the village pink class). Come and see what we local amateurs can grow and bring your friends and family.

Look through the schedule; there are plenty of classes for novices who have perhaps only what daffodils are out in the garden, or perhaps you can 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, handicrafts and two children's sections dependant on age.

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

Classes 81 & 82: Adult photograph title – **“Clouds”**

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

Class 52: Floral Art novice class – **Flower arrangement as a table centre piece for a 21st Birthday**

Class 55: Floral Art niche – **The Key of the Door**

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 that we may be able to find your plant for the Spring Show.

The Brown's 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 (school hall). Perhaps more importantly we need as many people as possible to clear away the tables etc. after the show closes at about 5pm on the day of the show. Contributions to the raffle would be much appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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Spring Show Secretary

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Please book metickets at £20 each Please book me.....tickets for the *optional* Garden Tour at £4.75 each

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:- ACB&DB Horticultural Society
I enclose a total of £..... to cover the cost of the tickets & Garden Tour (Please post date the cheque 1/6/2017).

Please return the booking form and money to Diane Kolonko.

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