

# Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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Chairman Mrs Sue Lipscomb

Dear Members,

*I would like to begin this letter by wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year. In addition to this I hope that your gardening this year will bring you great pleasure whether you have a several acres to manage, large allotments to cultivate or a tiny plot or courtyard garden with a few pots or even a window box. Any contact with the soil and the nurturing of plants, whatever the scale, can bring great pleasure as can a pot plant indoors or flowers in a vase.*

*We are pleased that so many of you take advantage of our D.T.Brown seed order; in fact this year, 30 members and friends placed an order. Maureen Ridler has handled £1,612 worth of orders and I would like to thank her once again for the time and effort she puts into this each year. As usual we were given a 60% discount on all seeds and 15% discount on non-seed items and this entire discount goes directly to those who have placed an order with no benefit to the Society.*

*The programme of talks and activities this year, organised by Frances Farley again looks really interesting. If you hear of a good speaker and think the subject would interest us for our next year's programme please do contact Frances. Our Social Supper will take place as usual in March and tickets will be available at our next meeting.*

*Many of you help with our two shows, in the Spring and the Summer and for that we are very grateful. Our core team of people for both shows are not getting any younger and offers of help are always gratefully received. Later in this newsletter we will hear more about the changes to the Spring Show. However, when you read the diary for 2018 you will see another change related to the Summer Show. As you will probably realise, there were considerable changes in both 2016 and 2017. Most significantly we moved our event to the Cafe in the Park and changed the layout of the show. This year we are unable to use this venue and are delighted to return once again to Aston Clinton School. Please note the change of date; no longer the third Saturday in August but the fourth. So do put August 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar in readiness! It might also interest members to know that this year we will be providing time to stage entries on the Friday evening which is something we have never offered our exhibitors before and which we believe will be a very useful and welcome addition.*

With very best wishes,  
Sue Lipscomb

## **The Annual Social Supper Saturday 10th March**

The Annual Social Supper will be at the Anthony Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. We meet at 7 for 7.30 pm: The supper will be followed by a talk with slides given by Tom Way: "My Travels overseas". We look forward to having as many of our members coming for this most enjoyable of evenings. John Seaton is providing a selection of hot and cold food. Tickets are £12 each. Please let us know if you require a vegetarian selection.

Our Annual dinner provides for one complimentary glass of wine so please bring your own refreshment. Gifts for the raffle will be gratefully received. There is a booking form below, but a simple email to Frances will do.

Frances Farley

(francesmfarley25@gmail.com)

## **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 14th February

Julian Hunt: Talk: The romance of the A413

Saturday 10th March

Annual Social Supper 7 for 7.30 pm: £12 per head. Followed by: Tom Way: Talk: "My Travels overseas"

Thursday 5th April

Entry Night for the Spring Show  
Anthony Hall time 6.00 - 7.45 pm

Saturday 7th April

22nd Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale  
2 pm in the Aston Clinton School Hall. Entry £1

Wednesday 11th April

James Smallwood: Talk: "Auriculas"

## **ASTON CLINTON, BUCKLAND & DRAYTON BEAUCHAMP HORTICULURAL SOCIETY**

### **Booking Form for Social Supper on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

Please send me .....tickets at £12 each (Includes one complimentary glass of wine)

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:- AC, B & DB Horticultural Society

I enclose a total of £..... to cover the cost of the tickets.

Please return the booking form and money to Frances Farley, Social Secretary, ASAP.

Name:..... Tel ...No:.....

## Spring Show 2018

Our Spring Show in 2018 will be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at Aston Clinton School. Here is a list of some of the proposed amendments to the schedule

### **Section 1 (daffodils) –**

**Class 1** Grow for Show is **Pipit**. Plant as many bulbs as possible in a pot measuring a maximum of 12 inches (30cms) in diameter. Judged for effect.

**Single Bloom classes as follows:-** 7,8,9,13,14,15,19,21,28,31,34,38 exhibitors may now enter **two** entries per class. This will include all single bloom classes and the Village Pink, Society Bloom and Penrice Cup

**The rules on the Novice Class in Section One, daffodils has been changed to state that you can exhibit in the Novice section provided that you have not won this class two years in a row**

Any queries, please talk to Graham.

**Class 34 (The Society's Bloom) is Skype (two entries allowed)**

**Class 38 (Penrice Cup) is one bloom of Brackenhurst (two entries allowed)**

### **Section 2 (Spring Flowers) –**

**Currently no changes**

### **Section 3 (Floral Art) –**

**Class 52 the NOVICE class this year will read as follows – Flower Arrangement in a basket.** Maximum size basket 30cms (12")

**Class 55 Floral Art - the theme is "Spring Wedding"**

Space provided will be 60cms (24") x 60cms (24") with height of 76 cms (30") our standard niche

**Class 56 an arrangement in a flower pot**

Arrangement not to be more than 30cms (12") wide.

### **Section 4 (Domestic) –**

**Class 66 Sticky Honey Cake (Recipe will be in the schedule). This replaces the Simnel cake.**

### **Section 5 (Children) –**

**Class 73 Children 9 to 14 years photo class entitled "Your Garden".** Photo 6" x 4"

### **Section 6 (Handicraft) –**

**Class 81 Coloured photograph "My Favourite Bloom." Not to exceed 8" x 6" mounted not framed. Entry must NOT be computer enhanced**

**Class 82 Coloured photograph "Spring Scene". Not to exceed 8" x 6" mounted not framed this may be computer enhanced**

**Contact Graham Thirkettle by e-mail [gathirkettle@gmail.com](mailto:gathirkettle@gmail.com) if there are any queries**

I am sure that you are all working in the garden when the sun shines, even if it is only in the greenhouse. Some seeds need sowing now including; tomato, cucumber and sweet peas. Now is the time to plant dormant and bare root trees and bushes, including fruit trees and bushes such as raspberry. Raspberry is suitable for that semi shaded position in the garden. I am converted to the later fruiting autumn raspberries because the pruning is simpler; you just have to cut down all stems in the early spring and they will grow and fruit on this year's growth. The picture shows my recently acquired Tibetan Cherry, bought for its red bark. I have just planted it and will grow it on as a multi-stem bush. All these are ideal for small gardens. Ralph has written an article in the February Village Life that gives more suggestions for plantings for small gardens.



It is time to plant shallots and onions either outside or in pots in the greenhouse where they will establish a good root system. Traditionally, as Reg price always said, 'Shallots should be planted on the shortest day of the year and harvested on the longest.' Depending on the weather other seeds such as parsnip and radishes will also be sown. In the meantime, the ground will have been turned over, spread with manure and cleansed of all weed.

**Annual Subscription Renewal Form**

Your annual Subscription for 2018 is now due: £5 per member (£6 if your newsletter is delivered by Royal Mail). If you have not renewed your membership yet, please send your subscription to

Ken Halls, 10 Thorne Way, Buckland, Aylesbury, HP22 5TL

I enclose a total of £..... to cover the cost of my/our annual Subscription.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:- **ACB&DB Horticultural Society**

Name:..... Tel No:.....

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