

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

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Dear Member

Welcome to our latest Newsletter that comes only a month after the last one. However, several important decisions were made at the last committee meeting, which were considered necessary to communicate to all our members as quickly as possible. Not all our members are on email, Facebook or have access to the Horticultural Society Website, hence the addition of this paper copy. The newsletter will be distributed on as many media platforms as possible so that we hope to reach 100% of our membership. If you think anyone has missed out, let us know so that we can let them have a copy, including by post if necessary.

Your Committee.

1. It is with regret that the committee have decided to cancel our meetings for the rest of the year. We have reviewed the COVID-19 regulations required by the Anthony Hall and the continued need for social distancing in enclosed areas and have decided it is just not practical to commence meeting again. We would be required to sanitise everything before and after a meeting and cover the chairs with bin liners. This is just too much for our willing band of volunteers. Also, there are a number of members who are, or feel they are, vulnerable and so may not attend.
2. It is our intention to recommence meetings in **January 2021** if circumstances allow. This meeting will include the **AGM**. The accounting period will be extended to December 2020. In fact, the change in the accounting period had already been planned for the December Meeting,
3. The subscription renewal date for 2021 will move to January 2021 and the anniversary date for subscription renewals will now be January of each year. The **AGM** for 2021 is expected to be January 2022 to enable the annual accounts to be prepared.

Our Annual Bulb Sale

4. As we cannot hold our annual bulb sale in the Anthony Hall, Maureen has kindly agreed to have a stall outside her house on a date to be confirmed. This will be for daffodil bulbs required to enter the Spring Show. We may also have some tulips as well. It will be early to mid-October. Save your pennies!

Visit to the plant Specialist Nursery in Gt Missenden

5. The visit to the Plant Specialist nursery in Great Missenden is still going ahead on the evening of the 16th September between 6 and 8pm. There will be an introductory talk, a tour "back-stage", refreshments and the opportunity to look round the display gardens and buy plants. The cost is £5 per person. We are currently limiting numbers to 25, but we may be able to increase that, depending on the Covid restrictions. You will need to make your own way there as COVID-19 restrictions only allow limited car sharing. Diane will be providing directions to get there for anyone who needs them. Please let Diane Kolonko (email diane.kolonko@outlook, tel 01296 631122) know if you would like to come along.

Photographic Show case

6. Does anyone have any photos they would like to put in the "**Life in the Villages during Lockdown**" Photographic Showcase? In particular does anyone have photos of the VE Day, the Tractors & Trucks going through the Village, the Thursday clap? Also, photos of the rainbows you have painted, sewn, crochet, knitted, photo'd. We'd love to hear from you because we have had so few entries in this category so far.

Please send photos by email to:

showcase@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Full details of all the categories you can enter photos for, are on the Horticultural Society website:

www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk/noticeboard/ and were distributed in the last newsletter (issue 2)

The showcase project is open to all ages and we look forward to hearing from you soon! **Entries must be in by 14th August.**

An exhibition of the photos will be held in St Michael's church on Saturday 29th August subject to COVID-19 restrictions allowing us to. Displays in St Mary's and All Saints to be confirmed.