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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

What a busy year 2017 has been. We celebrated our 60th Anniversary with a first for the HPS: more than 60 members shared their love of plants by opening their gardens to the public and donated the proceeds to charities of their choice. This scheme raised awareness of the Society as well as almost £9000 for good causes. Many Groups also organised local events to commemorate the occasion, including barbecues, celebrity lectures and garden parties.

The four nurserymen who got together in the middle of the last century to found the Hardy Plant Society were concerned about the loss of hardy herbaceous plants to cultivation, an issue which continues to this day. Our founders would be astonished to see the changes in the world of horticulture over the last 60 years, but what hasn't changed is the passion for hardy perennials of our members. We owe a lot to our far-sighted founders and were pleased to be able to recognise their contribution at the *Lecture Day and Annual General Meeting* in 2017. Having family members of the founders sharing the day made it extra special. Sadly, later in the year we had news of the death of **Flora Bloom**, who had cut the celebration cake.

As usual, the Society was represented at local and national shows this year and enjoyed much success. The reason we put on displays is to raise awareness of hardy plants in support of our charitable objectives. Some of the displays are clearly educational, with a focus on a particular plant family or growing conditions, while others are more general, showing a range of plants in an attractive way, but they all demonstrate the great plantsmanship and knowledge of our members. Talking to the public at shows can be a good way of interesting them in joining the Society and of course we are always pleased when the judges deem the displays worthy of an award. Congratulations to all those involved in putting on such high quality exhibits.

Several Groups hosted high profile lecture days open to members and sometimes also to visitors. I was pleased to be able to attend a number of these events and disappointed to miss others when time just did not permit. Having the opportunity to hear excellent speakers and meet members is always such a pleasure. The holding and hosting of these events is dependent on the commitment and hard work of the Groups' committees and members.

All of these special activities went on alongside the regular programmes of lectures, workshops and garden visits organised by the Groups for their members. While the Local Groups meet on a regular, usually monthly, basis, the Special Interest Groups generally get together just once a year for their AGM and a busy day of talks and garden visits. Belonging to a Group adds another dimension to membership and the social aspect is the most important for many members, who tell me that they have made good friends while taking part in activities with like-minded people.

The annual Group Secretaries' meeting is an opportunity for the Officers of the Society to link directly with the representatives of the Groups and for the participants to meet and chat with their counterparts. This year's meeting was very well attended and the afternoon was given over to discussion in small groups, considering a wide range of topics and sharing experiences. Being without a Groups Coordinator, makes it more difficult for us to keep in touch with and support the Groups. **Judi Deakin** has covered some of the role along

with her other commitments and the office has taken on some of the administrative tasks, but this is a role which does need to be filled without delay.

Once again, there was no autumn weekend or study day this year. Members miss these events, but they are dependent on the generosity and goodwill of volunteers from a Local or Special Interest Group to organise them. **Sue Lander** and **Julie Harvey** are now well established in the shared role of *Shows and Events Coordinator* and are able to offer support and encouragement to Groups who might be interested in organising a national event.

The seed distribution is one of our core activities and many of our members join specifically to have access to the wide range of seeds collected and donated by members, some of which are unavailable elsewhere. It is another way in which we demonstrate that we are fulfilling our charity objects. It is a massive operation, managed with military precision and good humour by **Pauline Cooper** and this year her large team of volunteers have yet again developed the process. Some very useful seed sowing information has been added to the descriptive list on the website and there are also more links to images in the library. The RHS have given access to their plant name dataset and the team have been able to use it to check names and improve accuracy.

Continuing the theme of fulfilling our charity objects, I would like to draw attention to two other aspects of our work. **Emma Reece** responds to the incredibly varied questions which are submitted to the *Horticultural Advisory Service* by members and the public. Not all of these are related to herbaceous perennials, but she manages to give helpful responses to whatever enquiries arrive in the in-box. **Anna Peacock** manages the *Kenneth Black Bursary Scheme* and has been working on ideas of how to make it more widely known and to improve the take-up of these awards to young people who will be the horticulturists of the future.

Conservation has been a key part of the work of the Society since it was founded and **Jan Vaughan** has been Coordinator for the last couple of years. She has continued the good work of her predecessors in reviewing the list of plants included in the scheme and simplifying the record keeping to make it less of a burden for the Coordinators from the participating Local Groups and the growers. The information about the scheme on the website has been updated with a profile for each plant and Jan also writes a monthly blog for the website, highlighting particular plants or aspects of the scheme. As Jan has agreed to be nominated to take over as National Chairman, this will leave a vacancy in the conservation role, so please consider whether this is something you might be able to help with.

Do keep looking at the website. Since the new site was launched in 2016, there has been a lot of work behind the scenes to develop it further. There is always something new to read: a number of members write regular articles or 'blogs' on a range of topics which are featured on the home page and it's then easy to click through to previous items. **Colin Doughty** manages the site and **John Dyson** is responsible for updating the content, including the Local Group programmes. **Brian Hackett** is also involved, particularly with the image library which now has nearly 9000 images available.

The *Photographic Competition* was organised by Brian again and this year attracted a record number of entries, all of a very high standard. The images

submitted are added to the Society's library and are available to be included in publications or to illustrate talks.

All members benefit from our publications, which are put together with great professionalism. **Sue Catchpole** acts as *Publications Coordinator*, while **Pam Ratcliffe** commissions articles and edits *The Hardy Plant*, the Society's Journal; **Marion Jay** selects articles from Local and Special Interest Group newsletters and puts them together into *Cornucopia*; and **Lynne Hackett** compiles the National Newsletter, which provides up-to-date information about the Society and its events. Our new *Booklets Editor*, **Jan Craig**, has worked with author **Neil Timm** to produce an updated and revised booklet covering *Ferns*, a family of plants which are increasingly popular. There are details of this attractive booklet on page 21 of this Newsletter.

When I took on the role of Chairman three years ago, I was concerned about the continuing fall in membership numbers and committed myself to trying to make the Society better known. These efforts have started to pay off this last year with the first increase in membership since the year 2000. Initiatives such as inviting members to 'bring a friend for free' to Group meetings have been successful with guests often deciding to join when they find out that they are surrounded by people who love plants and that we are not all experts – although we do all want to learn.

Communicating our enthusiasm for hardy herbaceous perennials to the wider public is a continuing challenge, but it certainly pays dividends, whether speaking to individuals we meet or using the wider audience of the BBC coverage of the *Chelsea Flower Show*, it all helps to raise the profile of the Society. Building closer relations with the RHS resulted in an invitation to join their *Herbaceous Plant Committee* and I've been able to meet and share experiences with representatives of other Plant Societies at RHS events.

Our ventures into social media as a way of communicating with people interested in plants have been particularly successful. **Sharin Ingleby** manages the Society's *Facebook* page which now has nearly 2800 followers and our more recently established *Twitter* account is followed by over 3300 people. I am grateful that **Catherine Part** has volunteered to help with posting on Twitter and her new ideas are proving to be of interest to many more people. None of the existing Trustees will be reaching the end of their term of office this year but, as you will see elsewhere, there are a number of nominations for vacancies which have not been filled in previous years. This means that, subject to the members accepting their nominations at the AGM, there will be six new Trustees. It is very encouraging that members with such a range of talents are prepared to put themselves forward to contribute to the running of the Society. Jan Vaughan has been a Trustee for a couple of years and I am delighted that she has agreed to be nominated for the post of Chairman. She has excellent knowledge and experience of the Society and will serve it well.

I smile when people suggest something that the 'National' should do. I think they imagine a kind of grand 'HPS Towers' filled with people sitting waiting for something to do. The reality is very different, with most of what happens being done on a voluntary basis by our Postholders, Trustees and Officers all over the country. The office in Evesham is staffed part-time by Sally and Clare and there are also a few hours per month of bookkeeping support from Anne to

service a membership of over 7000. It is a testament to everyone's efforts that the HPS can achieve as much as it does.

I would like to thank **Matt Biggs, Val Bourne, Carol Klein and Matthew Wilson**, who agreed to become Ambassadors, and who take the opportunity to offer support in different ways, from speaking at lecture days, to dropping by and supporting Groups at shows, or writing for us. And of course our President **Roy Lancaster** deserves special thanks for the enthusiasm and energy he brings to his role. As the HPS celebrated its 60th Anniversary, Roy celebrated his 80th birthday and, like the Society, he shows no sign of slowing down.

So thank you to all those who freely volunteer their time to make this Society so successful. Every contribution is important, whether it is one of the busy roles referred to here or just offering to lend a hand now and then when something needs doing. I am particularly grateful for the support given by the Officers and Trustees with whom I have worked most closely. I have been fortunate to meet and make many friends with whom to share the pleasures of plants and gardening. For me this is one of the aspects of the Society which makes it so special.

This is my last report to you. I hope you have found them interesting over the last three years and they have kept you informed about what has been going on and the changes/developments to move the Society which have happened and given you a little insight into the life of the Chairman. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. The Society is in good shape and I am confident that its future is in good hands.

Cathy Rollinson, Chairman

THE 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 61st Annual General Meeting of members of the Hardy Plant Society will be held at **Petroc College, Mid Devon Campus, Bolham Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6SH** on **Saturday 24th March 2018** starting at **1.40pm**.

The AGM will form part of the Society's Annual Lecture Day (ALD), but attendance at the ALD is not a condition of attendance at the AGM. If you wish to attend the AGM only there will be no charge. Members wishing to tender apologies for absence may do so via the Administrator or the Honorary Secretary.

AGENDA

To receive apologies for absence

1. To approve the minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 25th March 2017 (as printed in the July 2017 edition of the Newsletter) as a correct record.
2. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the 2017 AGM.
3. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report.
4. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Financial Report.
5. To elect a Chairman of the Society.

Standing for election as Chairman

JAN VAUGHAN

Proposer: Derek Cooper *Seconder:* Keith Scott

6. To elect the following Officers of the Society

Standing for election as Vice-Chair:

LINDA CROWTHER

Proposer: Sue Lander *Secunder:* Margot Grice
(Linda was appointed to the role of Vice-Chair by the Trustees in June 2017)

Standing for re-election as Honorary Treasurer:

STUART SENIOR

Proposer: Roy Stickland *Secunder:* Lady Rosemary FitzGerald

Standing for re-election as Honorary Secretary:

JUDI DEAKIN

Proposer: Yvonne Morecroft **Secunder:** Pauline Cooper

7. To elect the following as Trustees of the Society

The Constitution provides for a maximum of 12 elected Trustees each for a period of office of 4 years. At the AGM there will be 6 vacancies. The following nominations to serve for the period March 2018 to March 2022 have been received:

PAMELA CLARK

Proposer: Linda Hall *Secunder:* Jaime Blake

HELEN CLEARE

Proposer: Joy Couper *Secunder:* Mike Maunder

KAREN GIMSON

Proposer: Erica Thomson *Secunder:* Mary Thomas

PETER HOWARD

Proposer: Tricia Howard *Secunder:* David Mayhew

ALISON LEVEY

Proposer: June Saddington *Secunder:* Colin Ward

CATHERINE PART

Proposer: Beverley Powlesland *Secunder:* Kathryn Hopkinson

8. Formal votes of thanks.

9. To approve the appointment of *James Howard of Haynes Watts* as the Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts.

Item 9 will conclude the formal business.

Judi Deakin, Honorary Secretary

OPEN FORUM This formal agenda will be followed by an Open Forum in which members are welcome to raise any issues for further consideration by Trustees or, as appropriate, for immediate response by officers or by other members present.

Brief BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS by members standing for election who are new to the Board of Trustees are given below. Any member wishing to refer

to biographical statements of other nominees will find them in the Newsletter copy of the minutes for the year of their appointment.

- **JAN VAUGHAN**

I have lived in Malvern for over 20 years with my husband, John. Our 3 children have grown up here although they were born in Leicestershire. And it was there that I discovered my love of gardening. I found a like-minded friend and we joined the Nottingham HPS in the late 1980's when we both took a break from paid employment to look after our growing families. Through the HPS I found new friends and a passion for plants, and enthusiastically took on a new garden when we moved to Worcestershire.

In 1995 the HPS Worcestershire Group formed and I joined at the first meeting, the beginning of a long association. Initially I volunteered to provide teas at meetings, then took over as Group Secretary and was involved with the Group's first HPS displays at the *Malvern Spring Show*. But a return to work and 3 children with their weekend activities meant that gardening life gradually got put on hold, the garden had to look after itself and my HPS contact was maintained only through the national Newsletters and Journal. During this time I was involved with Parents Associations at both schools attended by my children and served 3 years as Parent Governor of their primary school. I returned to work in general practice, but decided to make the change to palliative medicine and after additional training chose to work in the local hospice, gaining experience of the charitable sector.

When I retired in 2013 I started work on rejuvenating the garden and quickly rejoined the Worcestershire Group. I served as Chairman from 2014-17 and have been involved in creating displays at the *Malvern Spring Show* again. I belong to several of the Special Interest Groups, and because I have gained so much from the HPS I volunteered to help at national level, taking on the role of Conservation Scheme Coordinator and Trustee in 2016.

As well as gardening I enjoy walking, photography, theatre, and belong to a local book group.

- **LINDA CROWTHER**

I have been retired now for five years. For several years I was Head of Floristry Department at Harlow College. For the last three years in my working life I held a Quality Control position which included observing lecturers' practice and 'teaching the teachers'.

I have a life-long love of gardening. I joined the HPS in 2004 and have served on the Essex Group committee for five years. I was elected Chairman in November 2015. I have made it my mission to encourage our members to spread their wings and be more adventurous in their love of gardening. I am working hard to promote events that other HPS groups are hosting and encouraging our Essex members to attend. I like a challenge.

- **PAMELA CLARK**

Pamela Clark has spent the majority of her career in London and in New York, working for leading international merchant banks and financial institutions where she was a senior director and global head of a number of business units. Following retirement, she began gardening in earnest, deciding to

increase her horticultural knowledge by joining plant and garden societies, the first of which was The Hardy Plant Society. She has served as speaker organiser for the Norfolk & Suffolk Group and was part of the local team organising the Annual Lecture Day in March 2017, where she had the privilege of introducing the descendants of the Society's original founders. She has helped curate local group displays of Alan Bloom plants and artefacts at horticultural college and 'stately home' rural events. She has served as a Trustee for Community Hall and Historic Church Trusts. In addition to full-time gardening, where she is currently redesigning a 1970s garden, she is also a keen student of plant and garden history. She is a firm believer in the role the HPS can play in supporting and developing existing and future gardeners, both at the national level and through the work of the local and specialist groups. As an HPS Trustee she hopes that her business experience and her passion for horticulture can support the ongoing work of the Society.

- **HELEN CLEARE**

I have recently taken over as secretary for the Hampshire group. I live in Hampshire where I have a long but very thin labour intensive town garden. I must admit to favouring *sedums*, *sempervivums* and *succulents* above everything else. I get most of my advice from my mum who is a useful source of cuttings & seedlings! I work full time as a self employed HR Consultant mainly in the South of England : cleare-hr.co.uk. I would enjoy very much the opportunity to assist at the HPS's national level.

- **KAREN GIMSON**

Karen Gimson is a garden designer, writer and broadcaster. A team member for the BBC *Down to Earth* gardening programme on BBC *Radio Leicester*, she's also written 'expert' pages for *Garden News* magazine. Karen has run her own company, *Karen Gimson Landscape Design*, for 25 years. Karen gives talks to local garden groups and raises funds for Rainbows Children's Hospice. She is a member of Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust and a member of its walled garden research group currently researching the history of county walled gardens for a national data base project. Karen has a one acre garden in Leicestershire and writes about growing her own flowers, fruit and vegetables on her blog bramblegarden.com, on twitter @kgimson and Instagram karengimson1.

- **PETER HOWARD**

I have a Masters degree in Leadership and have been a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy since 1970.

I am a Committee member of Cornwall HPS and joint owner/under-gardener(!) at *Hidden Valley Gardens* in Cornwall - see www.hiddenvalleygardens.co.uk. I am a Trustee of MIND Restormel Association (Central and North Cornwall) for Mental Health (since 2010) and Chair of the Trustees (since 2014). The demise of part NHS funding in the recent period has been particularly challenging and has required me to lead and support the CEO in the re-organisation of delivery and services whilst ensuring a clear focus on the needs of service users and, in particular, the organisation's financial sustainability.

I was Treasurer Trustee for Interactive (Charity supporting access to sport and the physical activities for disabled across London) from 2008 to 2016. The later years of this organisation was also particularly challenging when funding from all the London Boroughs ceased. This organisation has now merged into Sport England – London, thus achieving financial stability whilst retaining and merging the Team and delivery strategy into the new organisation.

My career included 40 years working in the public sector. I have over 17 years director level experience initiating, leading and managing developmental programmes delivering patient, service user, and citizen benefits in local government (8 years) and the NHS (9 years), followed by 5 years as Programme Director in the private sector working in the NHS environment.

- **ALISON LEVEY**

Plants and growing things have formed a large part of my life from a very young age. I cannot remember a time when I was not trying to grow something. I am a hobbyist gardener and I have been developing my current garden in Leicester for the last ten years. I am a garden-writer and have written a regular blog, *The Blackberry Garden*, for nearly eight years. I also contribute to other publications.

When not in the garden, I am the Academic Registrar at a Midlands university. I am a passionate believer in the value of education for all people at all ages. Whilst studying as a mature adult learner I was significantly involved at a national level in a volunteer capacity in the students association that supported the studying of part time adult learners. I understand how membership organisations work and the role and value of volunteers.

I would love to be more involved in supporting the work of the Hardy Plant Society and I believe I could add value to your team.

- **CATHERINE PART**

I have been a member of the HPS for around seven years and have been regularly attending the monthly meetings at Western Counties local group and have been an active member bringing plants to the meetings and contributing to the local newsletter on a few occasions. In 2016 I joined the Committee of Western Counties and became Membership Secretary for the group in the following April. More recently I have been helping to grow the HPS social media Twitter account which has been enjoyable but quite hard work at times trying to think up new things to write about!

My past employment has been mainly with the Metropolitan Police and after taking a long break with family commitments returned to the workforce working as a Veterinary Receptionist for eight years.

Having a big interest in plants and nature from a young age, I finally decided to work through some RHS qualifications. However, after gaining some experience in the industry, horticulture is at present just a hobby.

Other interests are walking, Italian language, camping, cycling and travelling which usually includes visiting at least one garden!

HPS ANNUAL LECTURE DAY

SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2018

With sponsorship from

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The day will be hosted by HPS Devon Group at *Petroc College of Higher Education (Mid Devon Campus)*, Bolham Road, Tiverton EX16 6SH. We do hope you can join us.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY



9am	Registration, tea & coffee, plant sales
10.30am	Welcome and introductions
11am	Lecture: Julian Sutton
12noon	Question and answer session
12.25pm	Lunch and plant sales
1.30pm	Annual General Meeting
2.40pm	Tea/coffee break and plant sales
3.10pm	Lecture: Nick Macer
4.10pm	Question and answer session
4.25pm	Closing remarks



SPEAKERS

FOR US, NOT THEM – FACT, INFORMED IDEAS AND SCURRILOUS OPINION ON THE NAMING OF PLANTS –

DR JULIAN SUTTON

Dr Sutton is a life-long plantsman who started out in academic botany and caught the garden plant bug while doing research at *Ness Gardens* in the 80s. He and Sarah ran their small Totnes nursery,

Desirable Plants, for 20 years but they have now scaled back to two e-mail lists of choice plants per year.

SNOW IN BURMA – NICK MACER



Nick Macer is the owner/director of *Pan Global Plants*, a Gloucestershire nursery that he has run for the last 20 years. Prior to that he worked at the *Westonbirt and Hillier arboreta*. He has travelled widely across the globe, botanising in 25 countries, and still fits in two plant hunting trips per year. In 2016, he presented *Gardeners' World* for a short time.

CHARGES FOR THE DAY are the same as 2017:

Attendance including lunch	£22
Attendance, bring your own lunch	£16
Attendance at the AGM only, 1.30-2.30pm	Free of charge

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

The venue is providing a hot lunch; please indicate on the booking form if you have any special dietary requirements. Petroc will allow a limited number of people to bring their own lunch; please indicate on the form if you particularly wish to do so.

PLANTS FOR SALE (*plant crèche available*)

- *Desirable Plants* – shade loving plants a speciality, many epimediums. www.desirableplants.com
- *Pan Global Plants*, The Walled Garden, Frampton Court, Frampton-on-Severn, Glos. – as the name suggests but specialising in the rare and unusual. www.panglobalplants.com
- *Barracott Plants*, Old Orchard, Gunnislake, Cornwall – herbaceous plants with architectural interest and a wide range of exotics. www.barracottplants.co.uk
- *Hidden Valley Nursery*, High Bickington, Devon – unusual perennials, climbers, shade lovers. Peter Lindley, tel: 017699 560567 or 07899 788789

Display to promote the new HPS booklet on *Ferns*.

The Devon Group will have a stall selling the best of the west. Any contributions from visitors would also be most welcome.

Other Stalls

- HPS Shade and Woodland Group
- HPS booklets
- HPS Devon Group Raffle
- HPS Variegated Plants Group

TRAVEL

Petroc College is easy to access from the M5: please see the map at <https://www.petroc.ac.uk/contact-us>

By car: via the M5 to Junction 27, then A361 towards Tiverton. Take second Tiverton exit onto the A3126, continue across the roundabout, take next right and the college is on your right. There is plenty of level parking in the college precincts.

By train: fast trains run to nearby Tiverton Parkway. It is then 5 miles by taxi from the station to the venue. The licensed taxi company at the station is *Parkway Taxis*: 01884 38899. *Jolly Jaunts Taxis* is a local company which is allowed to pick up/drop off at the station: 01884 840979/07976 827762.

Exeter is 15 minutes by train from Tiverton Parkway or just over half an hour by car.

PLACES TO VISIT

For those who can come early or stay on to visit Devon at greater length, *Knightshayes* (NT) is very close, also *Killerton*. Topsham is an attractive small town on the River Exe and you pass the award-winning Darts Farm to get there.

Nursery and gardens

- *High Garden Nursery*, Kenton, near Powderham Castle, EX6 8NJ, has an exciting display garden at all times of the year and the nursery is open Tuesday to Friday 9am-5pm.
- *Bicton Park Botanical Gardens*, East Budleigh, EX9 7BJ, open daily at 10am, grade 1 listed gardens. www.bictongardens.co.uk
- *Hestercombe Gardens*, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton TA2 8LQ only 6 miles from M5 J25, open daily 10am-6pm www.hestercombe.com

Also, three gardens are open for the NGS on Sunday 25 March 2018:

- *Haldon Grange*, Dunchideock, Exeter EX6 7YE
- *Bickham House*, Kenn, Exeter EX6 7XL
- *Heathercombe*, Manaton, Bovey Tracey TQ13 9XE

ACCOMMODATION

If staying overnight, please note the clocks go forward at 1am on Sunday March 25.

- *Best Western Hotel*, Blundell's Road, Tiverton, EX16 4DB
0844 387 6193 www.bw-tivertonhotel.co.uk
- *Travelodge*, M5 Sampford Peverell Service Area, Nr Tiverton, EX16 7HD. 0871 984 6057 www.travelodge.co.uk
- *Hartnoll Hotel*, Bolham Road, Tiverton EX16 7RA. 01884 252777
www.hartnollhotel.co.uk

Bed and Breakfast:

- *Howden House*, Nr Tiverton, Devon EX16 5PB. 01884 253 132
- *The Silverton Inn*, Fore St, Silverton, EX5 4HP. 01392 860196

More information is at <http://www.discovertiverton.net/>

HPS SHOWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2018

RECENTLY ADDED ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

DATE	EVENT/HPS GROUP
Sun 18 Feb	Galanthus Group AGM & Study Day, West Midlands
Tues 27 Feb	Trustees' Meeting
Wed 7 March	Talk by Kevin Hughes, Newport (Isle of Wight Group)
Sat 24 March	2018 Annual Lecture Day and AGM, PETROC, Tiverton EX16 6SH (Devon Group)
Sat 24 March	Early Spring Plant Fair, East Lambrook Manor Gardens A13 5HH (Somerset Group)
Sun 25 March	Kent Spring Plant Fair with Rosie Hardy, Lenham Community Centre ME17 2PJ
Sat 31 March	Shade & Woodland Group AGM, Bob Brown & nursery visit, Bubbenhall, Coventry
30 Mar – 1 Apr	EASTER
Fri 13 – Sun 15 April	RHS Cardiff Flower Show (no HPS display)
Sat 14 April	Pulmonaria Group AGM, nr Salisbury, Wilts
Sat 14 April	<i>Passionate About Plants</i> , Middlesex Group
Sat 14 April	Plant sale, Wootton Bridge, Ryde (Isle of Wight Group)
Sat 21 April	Plant sale, Ruislip, (Middlesex Group)
Sat 21 – Sun 22 April	RHS Annual Spring Fair, Hyde Hall, Chelmsford (display by Essex Group)
Sun 22 April	Chawton Plant Fair (Hants Group)
Thurs 26 – Sun 29 April	Harrogate Flower Show (West Yorkshire Group)
Sat 5 May	Cornwall HPS Plant Fair, Truro Cattle Market
Sun 6 – Mon 7 May	Plant Fair, Holdenby House NN6 8DJ (Northants Group plant stall)
Thurs 10 – Sun 13 May	RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Worcs (display by Worcs Group)
Fri 11 May	Plant Auction, Paxton Hall, Leeds (W Yorks Group)
Sun 13 May	Plant Fairs Roadshow, Layer Marney, Essex
Sat 19 May	Plant Sale, Ruislip, (Middlesex Group)
Sun 20 May	Plant sale, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7TQ (Clwyd Group)
Tues 22 – Sat 26 May	RHS Chelsea Flower Show (no HPS display)
Sun 27 May	Plant Fair, Fox Cottage, Cottesmore Rd, Ashwell, Rutland LE 15 7LJ (Rutland Group)
Sat 2 June	Variegated Plant Day, Leominster, Herefordshire
Sat 2 June	Plant Sale, St Albans, AL1 4BH (Herts Group)
Thurs 7 – Sun	RHS Chatsworth Flower Show (no HPS display)

10 June	
Sat 9 June	Plant Sale, Ruislip, Middlesex (Middlesex Group)
Sat 9 June	Lecture Day <i>Fronds, Foilage and the Far East</i> Braintree (Essex Group)
Sat 9 June	Geranium Day, Buckinghamshire
Sat 9 June	RHS Plant Society Show, Wisley, Surrey (display by Peony Group)
Thurs 14 – Sun 17 June	Gardeners' World Live, NEC Birmingham (display by Staffordshire Group)
Sat 16 – Sun 17 June	Burton Agnes Gardeners' Fair, Driffield (East Yorkshire Group)
Tues 19 June	Trustees' Meeting
Sat 23 June	Roy Lancaster Lecture, West Monkton Village Hall, Near Taunton (Somerset Group)
Sat 23 June	Usk Open Gardens, Usk (Monmouthshire Group)
Tues 3 – Sun 8 July	RHS Hampton Court Flower Show Surrey (no HPS display)
Sun 8 July	Plant Fair, Hestercombe Gardens, near Taunton (Somerset Group)
Wed 18 – Sun 22 July	RHS Tatton Park Flower Show (display by Cheshire & Friends Group)
Sun 22 July	Lecture Day <i>East to West...</i> Romsey (Hampshire Group)
Fri 10 – Sat 11 Aug	Shrewsbury Flower Show (display by Shropshire Group)
Fri 17 – Sun 19 Aug	RHS Rosemoor Flower Show Great Torrington, Devon (no HPS display)
Tues 4 – Sun 9 Sept	RHS Wisley Flower Show Surrey (no HPS display)
Sat 8 Sept	Usk Show, Usk (Monmouthshire Group)
Fri 14 – Sun 16 Sept	Harrogate Flower Show (display by West Yorks Group)
Sat 15 Sept	Ranunculaceae Day, Laughton Village Hall, East Sussex
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Sept	RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show, Chelmsford (display by Essex Group)
October	Group Secretaries Meeting, Bubbenhall near Coventry
Tues 9 Oct	Trustees' Meeting
Sat 27 Oct	Lincolnshire Group event
December	Post holders meeting
2019	
Sun 17 March	Ranunculaceae AGM and meeting. Venue TBA
Sat 30 March	Annual Lecture Day and AGM (East Yorkshire Group)
Sat 4 May	Magic of Plants Conference, Britannia Leeds Bradford Airport Hotel (West Yorkshire Group)
Fri 10 May	Plant Auction, Paxton Hall, Leeds (W Yorks Group)
Fri 21 – Sat 25 May	RHS Chelsea Flower Show (HPS display TBC)



Please note the email for the Shows and Events team has changed to showsandevents@hardy-plant.org.uk

GERANIUM DAY 2018

Saturday 9 June

All are welcome to this year's Geranium Day at *Great Kingshill, Buckinghamshire*.

Speaker: **Margaret Stone**, author of HPS publication *Geraniums*.
Plant stalls, socialising, garden/nursery visit.

Members £10 – Non-Members £15

Bookings/Enquiries to

Tricia Fraser, 51 Pomegranate Road, Chesterfield S41 7BL;
triciaf2808@gmail.com

(PLEASE NOTE – this email is different from the printed copy as the original email address was hacked)

PULMONARIA GROUP MEETING FOR 2018

The 2018 Pulmonaria Group AGM and meeting will take place on 14 April at *Winterbourne Earls Village Hall* near Salisbury, Wiltshire. The morning will follow the usual pattern of plant Sales, AGM and a talk by **Bob Brown** entitled *Payback time, life beyond lungwort*. This sounds like a controversial talk, which we have come to expect from Bob.

In the afternoon we will be visiting the garden of our Chairman, **Lyn Miles**, who has nice range of named Pulmonarias with also many interesting seedlings. We will also visit the attractive garden of member **Karen Robertson** who lives close to Lyn. Visitors and non HPS members are very welcome and full details can be found on the HPS website or from the Secretary Barry Street.

Barry Street

PEONY GROUP STUDY DAY & AGM

Saturday 9 June 2018

Our Chairman has done all the detailed planning for our AGM. It is set for in the *Hillside Centre* at Wisley. The application form is available on the HPS web site or direct from me by request (phone, e-mail or post – contact details under Peony Group at the end of this Newsletter).

The day is free for Peony Group members and for members of the RHS. If you are a member of the HPS but not a member of the RHS you will have to *pay the standard garden entry fee on arrival at Wisley which currently is £12.50.*

Our day starts with plant sales – what else! There will be a members table for donations with the proceeds going to group funds, plus specialist peony growers (*Binny and Primrose Hall Nursery*) and some plants sent by *Claire Austin*.

We have private use of the *Hillside Centre* until 10.45. So registration will take place from 09.45 with our AGM at 10.15am taking about 30 minutes. You will be able to enter the gardens from 9.00.

Our guest speaker for the day is **Caroline Stone** who is slowly but steadily acquiring early herbaceous peonies in Devon, currently over 70. By early is meant bred in the nineteenth century or first ten years of the twentieth century. She liaises with **Margaret Baber**, a current holder of a National Collection of pre-1910 lactiflora peonies and who has been very supportive of what she is doing.

The title of Caroline's talk is *I had a dream: How a Passion for Peonies began*. This will be followed by a brief update on the DNA study we initiated a couple of years back.

After lunch there will be an introduction to, followed by a guided tour of, the Peony Trials at Wisley. Peonies were planted on the trial grounds three years ago and they have been assessed each year since then. The trial is due to finish at the end of 2018. In addition there is also a propagation demonstration.

Tea/coffee will be available in the *Hillside Centre* on arrival and at mid day. Either bring your own lunch or make use of the restaurant on site.

HPS RANUNCULACEAE GROUP

Saturday 15 September 2018

A visit to Graham Gough's, Marchant's Hardy Plants nursery & garden followed by Gill Regan speaking on *Buttercups and their relatives*.

Cost: Ranunculaceae members £5.00 or Non-Ranunculaceae members £10.00

The Ranunculaceae Group's Annual Lecture and garden visit will be on Saturday 15 September 2018 at *Marchant's Hardy Plants*, Laughton, East Sussex. **Graham Gough** will welcome us with a short introduction to the garden, we will then be able to stroll round the garden and nursery before returning to Laughton Village Hall for lunch (please bring a packed lunch). In the afternoon our lecturer will be **Gill Regan** who will be talking on *Buttercups and their relatives*, but before we depart on our homeward journeys, there will be tea and cake.

For a booking form please go to the Ranunculaceae Group webpage or contact Sue Hough, Old Rose Cottage, 87 Blackberry Lane, Four Marks, Hampshire GU34 5DG. Tel: 01420 562039 or email: susanahough@gmail.com

PASSIONATE ABOUT PLANTS

Presented by the HPS Middlesex Group

SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2018

8.30am – 4.15pm (*please take seats for celebrity talks by 9.20am*)

Haydon School, Wiltshire Lane, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 2LX

(*free parking on site*)

This will be our eighth biennial **Passionate About Plants** event and we are looking forward to seeing you for what promises to be a lively and informative day.

Our special guest celebrities for 2018 are guaranteed to entertain you!

ANNIE GODFREY – *Some Like It Hot!*



Winner of several Gold Medals including at Hampton Court Flower Show, BBC Gardeners' World Live in 2017 and at 2017 RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Annie talks about choosing sun-loving and drought-tolerant plants for your garden.

FRANCES TOPHILL – *Choosing Interesting and Effective Trees for your Garden*

Presenter on ITV's *Love Your Garden* and BBC *Gardeners' World* and a member of the RHS Campaign for School Gardening, Frances talks about trees for your garden.



ADAM FROST - *How to Design a Garden*



Landscape gardener, winner of 7 Gold Medals at RHS Chelsea Flower Show and presenter on BBC *Gardeners' World*. Having just launched his own Garden School in Barnack. Adam talks about how to design a garden.

NICK HAMILTON – *Climbers for All Aspects*

Garden designer and owner of *Barnsdale Nurseries*, winner of many medals at RHS Chelsea Flower Show, including 2016 Gold, Nick is the son of Geoff Hamilton, BBC *Gardeners' World* presenter for many years. Nick's talk is about climbers.



Treat yourself to a fantastic day out with a great opportunity to buy hardy plants from the celebrities, other specialist nurseries and stalls with garden sundries throughout the day. There will be a garden themed raffle, tea and coffee for sale and lunches available. Full details are available on our website.

Tickets for the day are £26.00 and must be booked in advance as they will not be available on the door.

An application form is available from our website at: www.hardy-plant-middlesex.org.uk or write to:

PaP, Keith Hamilton, 82 Brunswick Road, Ealing, W5 1AE

Tel: 07956 246079 or email keith.hamilton82br@ntlworld.com

Payment by cheque made payable to *Hardy Plant Society Middlesex Group*

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your tickets.

SHADE AND WOODLAND GROUP

Fourth meeting and AGM on

Saturday 31 March 2018 at

Bubbenhall Village Hall, Lower End, Bubbenhall, Warwickshire CV8 3BW

Our fourth AGM and meeting will be in Bubbenhall, Warwickshire. After the short AGM there will be a talk, which is sure to be amusing, by **Bob Brown** on *Plants that do well in Shade but shouldn't*. Bob will have plants for sale, and there will also be a Members' plant stall. Before lunch we shall have a Plant Auction and a raffle.

In the afternoon we are visiting *Avondale Nursery*, Mill Hill, Baginton, Coventry CV8 3AG to see **Brian Ellis'** National Collection of *Anemone nemorosa* and have an introductory talk by Brian on his collection. Avondale specialise in choice perennials and have a good selection of shade lovers. *Mrs Bee's Potting Shed Café* will be open at the nursery if you wish to buy lunch or afternoon snacks.

Costs will be £6.50 for members of the Shade and Woodland Plants Group and £16.50 for non-members of the group.

To book, email our Secretary, Diana Garner on montana@cholesbury.net or mail to Montana, Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Herts HP23 6NA giving your name, address, telephone number, email address, and HPS membership number. If you wish to pay by electronic transfer the details are as follows:

Branch sort code: 40 32 02

Account number: 21574647

Account name: Shade and Woodland Plants Group

Reference: Your HPS membership number and last name

or cheques should be made payable to *HPS Shade and Woodland Plants Group*. The AGM will start at 10.15, and coffee and registration will be from 9.30. The meeting will close at 4.00.

VARIEGATED PLANT GROUP MEETING 2018

This year's meeting will be held on **Saturday 2 June** in Kimbolton. The morning will be spent in *Kimbolton Village Hall*, Kimbolton, Leominster, HR6 0HQ where will hold our AGM, Plant Discussions, and Auction and where we can also eat our lunches before travelling the about half a mile to *Stockton Bury Gardens* (<http://www.stocktonbury.co.uk/>).

Morning coffee and tea will be provided in the hall, and members should make their own arrangements for their lunch. The garden has a café where you can purchase afternoon tea.

The day is open to VPG members only, and the only charge will be for the garden entry paid on arriving at *Stockton Bury Gardens*. Of course new members of the VPG are always welcome and membership of the group is only £4.00 per year. So, if are interested in buying unusual plants, often at bargain prices, in our auction followed by an afternoon spent in an outstanding garden, why not join us? If you would like more details of the meeting, or information about joining the VPG then please contact me, **Brian Dockerill**. Contact details are included in the Specialist Groups section of this newsletter.

**Hardy Plant Society, Hampshire Group
Lecture Day 2018**

East to West – *and something in between?*

with

Dan Hinkley, Timothy Walker and Diane Clement

on

Sunday 22 July 2018 from 9.15 to 16.00

at

The Lantern Theatre, Mountbatten School, Whitenap Lane,
Romsey, Hampshire SO51 5SY

**Cost is £22 & includes tea/coffee/biscuits throughout the day.
(Please note lunch is not provided)**

For a booking form, please contact:

**Sue Hough, Old Rose Cottage, 87 Blackberry Lane, Four Marks, GU34
5DG or go to the HPS Website where you can print one off.**

Tel: 01420 562039

email: susanahough@gmail.com

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY ESSEX GROUP LECTURE DAY 2018

FRONDS, FOLIAGE AND THE FAR EAST

with Bob Brown, Julian Sutton and Bleddyn Wynn-Jones

Saturday 9 June 2018 from 9.15 to 16.30

Braintree Arts Theatre, Notley Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 1WY

BOB BROWN

Bob's talk will be ***All about ferns***

JULIAN SUTTON

Adventures with Fancy Foliage – the subtleties of form and colour in leaves which make the difference between an average garden plant and a great one.

BLEDDYN WYNN-JONES ***2017 plant hunting trip to North Vietnam***. This is a new lecture for 2018 and he will talk about the environment that has evolved such outstandingly hardy plants, both woody and herbaceous, in what is normally a tropical country.

Cost is £22 & includes tea/coffee/biscuits throughout the day.

(Please note lunch is not provided)

Priority will be given to Hardy Plant Society members up to Monday 12 February 2018, after this date it will be open to the general public. Applications received before the 12 February 2018 from non-Hardy Plant Society members will be processed after this date, in date receipt order.

Nurseries selling plants: *Cotswold Garden Flowers* (Bob Brown's Nursery), *Desirable Plants* (Julian Sutton's Nursery) and *Crug Farm Plants* (Bleddyn Wynn-Jones' Nursery), Essex Hardy Plant Group will also have a sales table.

For a booking form: contact: Margot Grice, Dragons, Boyton Cross, Roxwell, Chelmsford CM1 4LS or go to the HPS Website where you can print one off.

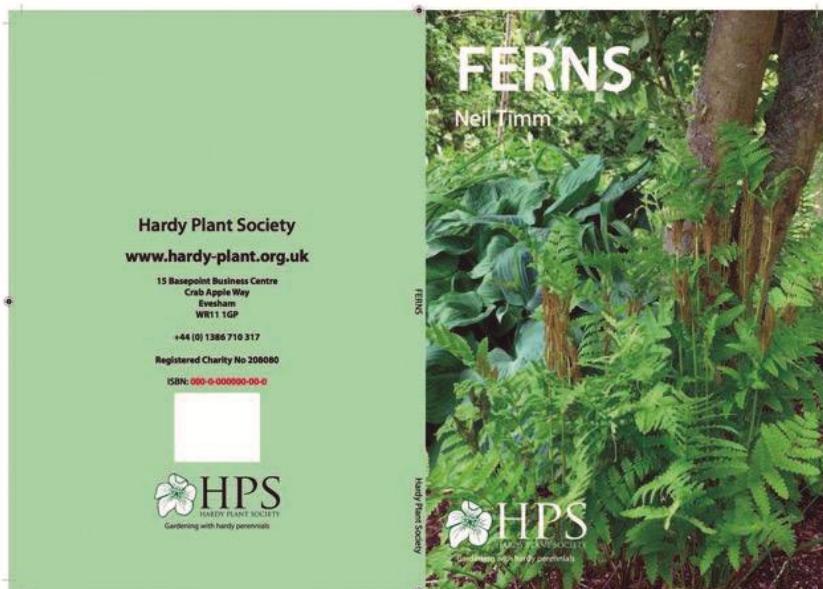
Tel: 01245 248651 email: margot.g@mail.com

You can choose to pay by cheque and Royal Mail **OR** pay by bank credit transfer and receive your documents by email

THE GALANTHUS GROUP AGM & STUDY DAY

Our 7th AGM will take place in the West Midlands in **Feb 2018**. Group Members will be notified directly of the AGM. The Study Day will be a ticketed event and numbers are restricted. Priority will be given to existing members. **Contact group for details** – see Contacts information.

NEW FERNS BOOKLET



A revised booklet on Ferns is the latest addition to the HPS booklet series. Its author is **Neil Timm**, HPS member and owner of the *Fern Nursery* at Binbrook in Lincolnshire. The nursery has won gold medals at prominent garden shows and has contributed ferns, especially British natives, to several conservation projects.

This 68-page booklet is illustrated in full colour and includes information on the history of the cultivation of ferns and there is an extensive directory of ferns to grow, how and where to grow them in the garden, and tips on propagation. There are also details of fern societies, websites and national collections.

The booklet is available to members at a price of £5.50, including postage. There is an order form in this Newsletter or you can order online via the HPS website. Copies will also be available at the Annual Lecture Day in Devon at the end of March.

PHOTO LIBRARY

Growth of the image library continues. There were 8799 digital images available as at the end of October 2017. Use of the library is increasing – typically several requests for digital images are received every month.

The display of plants on the website has been considerably improved by development work carried out by our Web Manager. These include:

1. A means of indexing *all* plants in an image (previously only the first occurrence was indexed)
2. A facility to search by plant family
3. A much clearer layout for searches by plant genus

His input has been greatly appreciated.

Our work on the accuracy of plant names received a great boost this year when the *Royal Horticultural Society* agreed to let us have an electronic version of the *Plant Finder*. We have begun to exploit this excellent resource by matching it with our Image Library and making changes where appropriate. We have already made a good deal of progress with the simpler discrepancies, but there is still plenty to do.

The tricky business of cross-referencing between old and new names of plants is still to be tackled – we want to find a way to do it that makes it clear to everyone what a plant's current name is, without losing sight of the old familiar versions.

As ever, I'd be delighted to receive your images – especially for plants that aren't already in the Library. You can find a current list of our most wanted at:

<http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/images/images-wanted>

If you only have one or two pictures to send, just attach them to an email to photos@hardy-plant.org.uk.

If you have lots, the easiest way is to use www.wetransfer.com. It's completely free and surprisingly simple. You just go to the website, opt for the free version, click **add** to upload your pictures, then type in your email address and mine. Finally, just click **transfer** and the job is done.

Brian Hackett
Photo Librarian

SEED DISTRIBUTION

Everyone who ordered seeds this year should have received them by now. Please get in touch as soon as you can if you are still waiting for delivery.

We thank all our seed donors, and we are really pleased to see that we have some 40 new donors this year. With almost 500 new additions to our list you will, I hope, have had a difficult job deciding what to order! Our much enhanced web page descriptive seed list will, I hope, give those new to seed sowing confidence about their potential for success.

Our 14 seed distribution team members who work independently or in small groups are supplemented by around 80 volunteers for seed packet packing and making up the orders. The Seed Distribution is a great team effort. Well done everyone.

My next task for this year's distribution is to find homes for the seed which is still remaindered, most of which are from well known and popular plants rather than the rare and obscure (which have been snapped up by the early bird members.) If your group is going to have a stand at a Show or Plant Fair I will be happy to let you have some packets of seeds for distribution to the public. We are also able to make seeds available to public bodies and charities. In the past this has included hospital gardens, seed swaps, horticultural classes for people with disabilities, and seeds to grow for charity fundraising. Please get in touch with me if you can use any of these 'remaindered seeds'. We aim to have all our seeds grown with as wide a distribution as possible.

We hope that you have success with your seeds. Please remember, however, that plants grown from seeds from cultivars will not come true and should NEVER be given the parent plant's name. We indicate these plants as 'ex-----' in our seed list.

Pauline Cooper, Seed Distribution Coordinator.

CONSERVATION SCHEME

This is a time for looking forward to a new year in the garden, although of course, many of our traditional winter plants started into growth well before Christmas. Conservation Scheme growers will be hoping for a good year for growing and propagating plants obtained through the Scheme, and recording how those plants perform in their gardens. But I would like all HPS members to take a close look at the plants in your gardens.....I know you'll all be saying that of course, that's what we do every year, but please think about the perennial plants that consistently do well, that are admired by friends, family and perhaps garden visitors. Are those plants readily available to buy from garden centres or specialist nurseries and if not they may be plants that deserve to be more widely grown. The HPS Conservation Scheme does not attempt to conserve all our garden plants, that is work undertaken by *Plant Heritage*, but rather to focus on plants that come with a recommendation from a member, and those that have an association with the HPS through a person or place.

The Conservation Scheme can help secure the future of good garden-worthy perennials, with growers in Local Groups willing to grow on, propagate and distribute plants around the country. You may want to become involved yourself and find that you have a Local Group Coordinator or join as an independent grower. We would love to include more Local Groups and it only takes 2 or 3 interested members to get started - you do not need to be an expert, our plants are being grown by others so don't worry if they don't thrive in your garden as that may add to what we know about the best ways to grow them.

If you would like to know more about the Conservation Scheme and the plants there is information on the HPS website or contact us at conservation@hardy-plant.org.uk

Jan Vaughan, Conservation Scheme Coordinator

CORNUCOPIA

Have you subscribed to *Cornucopia* yet? Published each spring and autumn, it features the best articles from Local and Specialist Group Newsletters and is an entertaining and informative read, covering a wide range of topics. It's not too late to take out an annual subscription or renew an existing one, but you do need to act promptly. To receive this year's two issues, send a cheque for £3 (to include UK postage), payable to *The Hardy Plant Society*, to: HPS Administrator, 15 Basepoint Business Centre, Crab Apple Way, Evesham, WR11 1GP.

Marion Jay, Cornucopia Editor

SEARCH REQUEST - *IRIS* 'BENTON RUBE0'

Sarah Cook who holds the *National Collection of Bearded Irises*, including the *National Collection of Cedric Morris Irises*, has very kindly supplied me with the photographs for my article, which I have written for our group newsletter on **Cedric Morris**.

One of the Cedric Morris' irises she is having difficulty in tracing, is the *Iris* 'Benton Rubeo' and would like to know if any of you are growing this iris, have grown it in the past, or even remember seeing it growing. Sarah very much needs a more accurate description (catalogue descriptions exist, but there are a number of similar irises, so are not much help). If you have a photograph, know where *Iris* 'Benton Rubeo' might be growing, or if you can shed some light on this iris, Sarah would be delighted to hear from you. Please email sarah@malmaisons.plus.com or tel 01473 822400



Cedric Morris with his Macaw 'Rubeo'

Iris 'Benton Rubeo' was bred by Cedric Morris and he named it after his pet Macaw. It was around in the UK until the 1990's so it should still be in existence.

Sue Hough

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES

Like all U.K. high street banks HSBC, HPS's principal banker, is embarked on a large project to ring-fence its retail operations. The ring-fencing legislation requires each large UK bank to separate its retail banking activity from the rest of its business. This is to protect customers and the day-to-day banking services they rely on from unrelated risks elsewhere in

the banking group and shocks affecting the wider financial system. It reduces the likelihood that essential banking services used by ordinary depositors, like current accounts, savings accounts and payments, are put at risk by a failure in another part of the business, such as investment banking.

Like other HSBC customers we will be directly affected. The sort code and account number of our principal bank account at Queen Victoria Street in London has been changed. Payments sent to the old sort code and account will be automatically redirected to the new account until the end of this year.

So, a minor inconvenience? Unfortunately, not! Every January some 1,500 of our members pay their annual subscription into this account by standing order. These standing orders will need to be amended before the end of the year to target the new account. The Office will be contacting those members affected and will assist with the changeover. Those members who are adept at internet banking may, of course, make the necessary changes on-line and for their benefit the details of the new (and the old) account are shown below:

NEW ACCOUNT: Sort: 40-11-60 a/c no: 30212407

(OLD ACCOUNT: Sort: 40-05-30 a/c no: 70414603)

NB For historical reasons the standing orders of some members use a different account 40-40-01, 32118971 which is, as yet, not affected by ring-fencing.

**Stuart Senior
Hon. Treasurer**

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Bed and Breakfast List

Gardens Open List

Register of Lecturers

These 3 lists are available from the Administrator. Either email your request to admin@hardy-plant.org.uk or please send a **C4 (324 x 229 mm)** self-addressed envelope with the required number of **loose 2nd class stamps**:

- 1 for Bed and Breakfast – also on website in members' area
- 2 for Gardens Open
- 4 for Register of Lecturers – also on website in members' area

Please **DO NOT STICK ANY STAMPS** on the envelope.

HPS Booklets – please use the order form in the newsletter.

Back copies of *The Hardy Plant* – limited stock from 1957–1989 (black and white) @ £2.50; all issues from 1990–present (colour) @ £5.50; prices include p&p. Please email or telephone for an order form.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are always due on 1st January; the annual subscription rates are **£17.00** for single membership or **£19.00** for two members at one address (joint membership), with an optional charge of £10.00 for overseas members outside Western Europe, who wish their mailings to be sent by airmail. Subscriptions should be sent to **The Administrator, 15 Basepoint Business Centre, Crab Apple Way, Evesham, WR11 1GP**. Credit or debit card payments can be taken over the phone. To save on admin costs you are encouraged to pay your future subscriptions by **Standing Order** through your bank or building society. You can request a form from the Administrator, by email or post, or download it from the website (*Join the HPS* on the Home Page).

All enquiries concerning Hardy Plant Society matters and membership renewals should be addressed to the Administrator during office hours (Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm), or messages can be left on the answering machine: 01386 710317.

Sally Broome, Administrator



LAPEL BADGES

Show your support for the HPS with one of our new lapel badges. They are made of enamelled metal and feature the HPS hellebore. Order online at £2.20 including p&p or Groups can order bulk supplies at a reduced cost.



BOOKING FORM
ANNUAL LECTURE DAY – Saturday 24
March 2018
Petroc College, Bolham Road, Tiverton
EX16 6SH

NB You can also book online via the HPS website

I enclose £ for ticket(s) at £22.00 each for lectures, refreshments and lunch.

Special dietary requirements:

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AND/OR:- I enclose £ for ticket(s) at £16.00 each for lectures and refreshments only.

AND/OR:- I requireticket(s) for admittance to the AGM only (no charge)

NAMES FOR ALL TICKETS ORDERED, THE NAME OF YOUR GROUP OR COUNTY. Please print in capital letters as you wish them to appear on your badge:

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ADDRESS TO WHICH TICKETS SHOULD BE SENT

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Postcode:

Cheques payable to The Hardy Plant Society
Please enclose SAE and return by **Friday 9th March 2018** to:

HPS Administrator
15 Basepoint Business Centre
Crab Apple Way
Evesham WR11 1GP

HPS BOOKLET ORDER FORM
Feb 2018



The following booklets are available; post free, to members by Mail Order.

Quantity	Title	Cost	Total
	Ferns COLOUR	£5.50	
	Geraniums COLOUR	£5.50	
	Peonies COLOUR	£5.50	
	Astilbe, Bergenia & Rodgersia COLOUR	£3.00	
	Epimediums COLOUR	£3.00	
	Euphorbias COLOUR	£3.00	
	Hostas COLOUR	£3.00	
	Penstemons COLOUR	£3.00	
	Grasses	£2.50	
	Umbellifers	£2.50	
	Campanulas SALE	£1.00	
	Heucheras SALE	£1.00	
	Total of order		

Name

Address

..... Postcode

I enclose a cheque payable to **The Hardy Plant Society**

Or Please debit my **debit**/credit card by the sum of £.....

(Minimum order £10)

Card Number

Expiry Date Security Code

Name as printed on card

SignatureDate.....

Send order to The Administrator, 15 Basepoint Business Centre, Crab Apple Way, Evesham, WR11 1GP