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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

It's that time of year again: there are shows, gardens to visit, AGMs and lecture days, and the garden demands so much more attention than I can give it. Everything grows so quickly at this time of year and it's hard to keep on top of it. It's time for the 'Chelsea Chop', but I never seem to have time, so go for the 'Hampton Court Hack' instead. The plants don't seem to mind and, if anything, it prolongs the show of late summer plants – I pretend I've deliberately delayed that job.

One of the highlights of this spring has been the announcement that four highly regarded people in the world of plants have agreed to become *Ambassadors* for the Hardy Plant Society. **Matthew Biggs, Val Bourne, Carol Klein** and **Matthew Wilson** will be taking opportunities to support the Society and promote the benefits of membership. We are grateful that they have agreed to support us in this way.

Matt Biggs was one of the speakers at the *AGM and Annual Lecture Day* at the end of March. This very successful day was organised by the *Norfolk and Suffolk Group* and more than 150 members gathered to hear talks by Matt and **Alan Gray** of *East Ruston Old Vicarage*. Members welcomed the opportunity to catch up with old friends and we were so pleased that **Flora Bloom, Penelope Hellyer** and **Fabian Sambrook**, were able to join us to celebrate the founding of the Society 60 years ago.

It's been a good year for the HPS at shows so far. The *Devon Group's* display at the *Devon County Show* was awarded a Gold medal, Silver for the *West Yorkshire Group* at the *Harrogate Spring Show*, Gold for *Worcestershire* at *Malvern* and then *Silver-Gilt* at *Chelsea*. There are probably some I've missed, so do remember to keep the **Shows & Events Coordinators** up to date with what you're doing.

I was at *Chelsea* on the preview day, so had the privilege of seeing the display (and the rest of the show) in relative calm, although I did find that the route I was taking round the Pavilion seemed to involve getting in the way of the judging teams rather too many times. I wasn't anywhere near the HPS stand when they did their judging, but was delighted to find out the next day that they had awarded a Silver-Gilt medal for the imaginative display based on the theme of *60 Plants for 60 Years*. Well done to everyone involved.

Something we're not used to seeing is five minutes about the Hardy Plant Society on prime time television. A camera crew filmed the *Worcestershire Group's* preparation for *Chelsea* and this was shown during the **BBC's Chelsea coverage**, together with an interview with **John McGhee** who had led the team. The clip presented a very positive image of the Society and attracted a lot of interest. So much so, that our website was overwhelmed for a short time, with people viewing the site and new members signing up on-line. Overall, more than 100 new members have joined either at the show or as a result of seeing the film. If you missed it, it's now on our website.

The President of the RHS announced at *Chelsea* that the RHS had honoured our President, **Roy Lancaster**, with a Lifetime Achievement Award. There can surely be no more worthy recipient and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Roy.

Our garden openings are now in full swing, so do try to get along to one of the gardens open to celebrate the Society's 60th Anniversary. Our members have battled with some difficult gardening conditions to get their gardens looking beautiful for their open days and deserve our support. My most memorable one so far is *North Hall* in East Sussex, where the heavy rain started on my drive there and continued all through the visit. The non-member friends I took with me thought we were mad to continue plodding around in the deluge, but they definitely enjoyed the tea and cakes when we took refuge in the kitchen. I'm still hopeful that I might persuade them to join! There are details of further openings in this Newsletter and on the website.

The Primrose Day organised by the *Western Counties Group* in April was a delight. There was the opportunity to learn more about these beautiful plants, to buy some lovely examples and then an absolute treat – a visit to **Olive Mason's** garden at *Dial Park*, just down the road. I hadn't been before, but was completely bowled over. This is a spring garden par excellence, but it was clear that there was so much still to come that it would continue to be lovely throughout the year. Yet again I came home resolving to apply some of the lessons to my own garden.

At the beginning of May, I was in Leeds for *The Magic of Plants* – still known as 'Pudsey' to many, although this year the venue was the Headingley Campus of Leeds Beckett University. It was a very varied day of talks, with **Val Bourne**, **Troy Scott Smith**, **Marina Christopher** and **Bunny Guinness**. The audio system left a bit to be desired, but our speakers rose to the challenge. Some of you will know that Marina does not show images, but uses live plants to illustrate her talk and I was full of admiration for the way in which she managed to juggle the microphone and large pots with great aplomb and no casualties.

Now dare I mention vacancies? After my last appeal, **Jan Craig** volunteered to take on the role of *Booklets Editor* and the updated *Ferns* booklet is now well on its way to being published. Thank you, Jan for coming forward.

Unfortunately, **Vikki Rimmer** is unable to work due to illness so we have engaged **Geoff Hodge** to help with publicity on an ad hoc basis. We really do need volunteers to help in this area and a few people, each doing a little bit, would help enormously to raise the profile of the Society. A lot has been achieved, but we need to keep at it or the HPS will soon slip from people's minds. Don't forget that we shall again need **new Trustees** next year, we are still looking for a **Groups Coordinator** to replace Ruth Plant, and there's also a vacancy for a **Chairman** coming up!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to meet many more of you at shows and gardens.

Cathy Rollinson, Chairman

THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY
60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE
SOCIETY
SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017

Easton & Otley College, Bawburgh Rd., Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DX

MINUTES

Officers present: Cathy Rollinson (Chairman)

Ruth Plant (Vice Chairman)

Derek Cooper (Hon. Sec.)

Stuart Senior (Hon. Treasurer).

Apologies for absence were read out by the Chairman.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members and thanking the *Norfolk & Suffolk Group*, and especially the organising committee for their work in combining the AGM within the practical arrangements for the Society's Annual Lecture Day. Cathy reminded those present that voting at the AGM was for members only.

1. **The minutes of the AGM of 2016** as approved by the Chairman and printed in the Newsletter of July 2016 were approved as a correct record; *proposed by* Chris Davies, *seconded by* Lois Scott.
2. There were no **matters arising** from the minutes.
3. **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman's Annual Report for 2016 was published in the February 2017 edition of the Newsletter; Cathy wished to bring several issues into a sharper focus and these are reported here in summary form.

Cathy reminded members that the measure of our success was the delivery of our charity objects and that these are all plant and horticulture based. She drew attention to additional features of the *Seed Distribution* (which now has an international component) and to the work of the *Conservation Scheme*. Cathy told members of the enthusiasm of those working in the Conservation area but reminded members that we need more people directly involved. This is also true of other areas of activity; participation of volunteers is vital to the continuation of our success. Cathy moved on to remind members of the support which is available to members and Post Holders from Sally and Clare in the HPS office. Naturally communication in one form or another is an important feature of delivery and we are pleased to report on the positive feedback related to our re-launched website and on progress with *Facebook* and *Twitter*. Cathy told members about the agreement we have for **Ambassadors for the HPS**, namely **Matt Biggs, Matthew Wilson, Val Bourne** and **Carol Klein**; all very welcome by our members, and additionally to mark our anniversary we have an **HPS Open Garden scheme** with over 60 gardens covering

many regions of the country. Cathy concluded her additional points by reading out a letter from our President, **Roy Lancaster** who unfortunately was not able to be with us at the AGM. Roy's address drew attention to the conservation aspects of the work of the HPS, but stressed also the importance of the social element and the clear contribution that gardening and membership of the HPS can have to well-being.

Cathy's Report was approved and Roy's Report was endorsed *nemo con.*

4. Treasurer's Report

Stuart gave his Report and spoke to the documentation which had been circulated previously. This Report broke new ground by including all of the data necessitated by our obligation to make financial statements to the Charity Commissioners. It summarises the Society's objects and the activities which are carried out to realise them in practice. The conventional income & expenditure account and also the balance sheet at year-end were included, along with explanatory notes and the Report of the Independent Examiner. In speaking to his report Stuart emphasised two particular aspects, namely i) the importance for the Society of maintaining a clear focus upon the delivery of the Society's charity objects and ii) the need for vigilance over asset levels in relation to annual turnover [*Secretary's note: in the past the Charity Commissioners have regarded asset levels of about three times annual turnover as generally appropriate.*] **Henry Woolstone** spoke for many members when he commended the Treasurer on this extended but clear approach for reporting finance data to the AGM. There was a question from the floor about the increase in expenditure on Publicity during 2016. Cathy and Stuart explained that this was due to the engagement of a temporary *Publicity Officer* (in the absence of voluntary help) and that this was not intended as an annual event. Members were reminded that the benefits of publicity activity are not necessarily apparent in the year in which expenditure is incurred and that in any case such benefits are not easily quantified.

Stuart then spoke briefly to a separate paper which was circulated at the meeting and which set out the budget for 2017.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report and approval of the budget was *proposed* by Lynne Hackett and *seconded* by Henry Woolstone, **approved by the AGM *nemo. diss.***

5. **Election of the Chairman.** *Cathy Rollinson* was *proposed* by Pam Tatam and *seconded* by Lynne Hackett and elected unanimously to serve for a third year.

6. **Election of the Officers of the Society.**

- i) Standing for election as **Hon. Treasurer** of the Society, **Stuart Senior** was *proposed* by Roy Stickland and

seconded by Lady Rosemary FitzGerald, Stuart was elected unanimously;

ii) Standing for election as **Hon Secretary** of the Society, **Judi Deakin** was *proposed* by Derek Cooper and *seconded* by Yvonne Moorcroft, Judi was elected unanimously.

iii) **A note about the office of Vice-Chairman.** The closing date for nominations for both Trustees and Officers is the 31 December and at that date there were no nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Since then a name had come forward and Trustees adopted the following procedure which is permitted in our constitution. **Linda Crowther** was *co-opted* as a Trustee at their February meeting and Trustees propose to use their *powers of appointment* to appoint Linda to the vacant office of Vice-Chairman at their meeting in June. Members present were asked to show their support for this, **agreed nemo. diss.** [*Secretary's note, the conventional brief biographical note was lodged with the Trustees in February.*]

7. Election of Trustees for the period 2017 to 2021

i) **Christine Price-Morris** (Clwyd Group), *proposed* by Derek Cooper and *seconded* by Susan Morris, and

ii) **Anna Peacock** (Lincolnshire Group), *proposed* by Cathy Rollinson and *seconded* by Helen Boothman, were both elected unanimously.

8. Votes of Thanks

Cathy spoke briefly about the tremendous amount of work which was put into the delivery of the Society's objects on an entirely voluntary basis, "apart from the office staff we are all volunteers", and she pointed out that this takes place at all sorts of level within the Society. Cathy went on to say how important it was to recognise contributions when colleagues were standing down at the end of their term as Trustees or as Post holders. A Vote of Thanks was **proposed and agreed** for the following:

Trustees standing down: **Sue Jackman, Roy Strickland and Trevor Holmes,**

Post holders leaving office: **Judy Harry** (Horticultural Advisor), **Tony Bays** (Cornucopia Editor), **John McGhee** (Treasurer), **Derek Cooper** (Hon Sec).

Cathy also wished to record her personal thanks as well as those of the Society as a whole to Chris Davies and the organising committee of the *Norfolk and Suffolk Group* for the organisation and delivery of the combined ALD/AGM.

9. Appointment of the Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts.

Mr **James Howard** of Haynes Watts was *proposed* by Stuart Senior and *seconded* by Keith Scott.

A member from the floor queried the probity of this proposal for the auditor of the Society's accounts being made by the Treasurer. Hon Secretary explained that the Charity Commissioners had clear guidelines about the treatment of accounts and that there are two thresholds relating to the puissance of examination as the size of organisations increases. The turnover of the HPS is such that full audit by members of the professional audit bodies is not required; we fall into the lowest category of independent examination and our processes are compliant with C.C. advice.

The appointment was approved.

10. **Approval of a recommendation** from Trustees for the addition of powers regarding **discounted membership** subscriptions.

The proposal is as follows; "The Hardy Plant Society seeks to introduce a discounted membership scheme for students and trainees who will be the horticulturalists of the future. The scheme is primarily intended for students of horticulture, but it is also open to other students and trainees who wish to join the HPS. Mature students, including those making a change of career direction are also eligible for the scheme. The scheme is available to students on accredited courses who are joining HPS for the first time."

Adoption was *proposed* by Judi Deakin and *seconded* by Tricia Fraser and carried *nemo con*.

This concluded the formal business of the Annual General Meeting; the meeting was followed by an Open Forum discussion.

OPEN FORUM ITEMS *(these are taken as advisory issues for further consideration by Officers and/or Trustees as appropriate)*

- i) Members raised the question of expansion of the scheme for discounted membership subscriptions (for example to schools and FE colleges).
- ii) Members exchanged views about the focus on membership issues at public events such as shows. Members wished to see some linkage which could impact upon recruitment, but members were also made aware that recruitment aspirations cannot be the first reason for supporting shows. There was also an awareness that the type of recruitment material/publicity would differ depending on the nature and prestige of the show, and on the need to remain compliant with the requirements of the organisers of the shows.

Derek Cooper (Hon Secretary) March 2017

OFFICEHOLDERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 2017/2018

President

Roy Lancaster

Vice-Presidents

Dilys Davies, Tony Lord, Brian Mitchell,
Gwladys Tonge

Trustees

Cathy Rollinson, Chairman

Stuart Senior, Hon. Treasurer

Linda Crowther, Vice Chairman

John Dyson

Sharin Ingleby

Anna Peacock

Ruth Plant

Chris Price-Morris

Keith Scott

Jan Vaughan

Publications Subcommittee

Susan Catchpole (Publications Co-ordinator)

Brian Hackett (Photo Librarian)

Jennifer Hamer (Historian)

Pam Ratcliffe (Journal Editor)

Lynne Hackett (Newsletter Editor)

Marion Jay (Cornucopia Editor)

Conservation Scheme

Coordinator

Jan Vaughan

Kenneth Black Bursary Fund

Coordinator

Anna Peacock

Groups Coordinator

VACANT

Seed Distribution Manager

Pauline Cooper

Horticultural Advisor

Emma Reece

Web Team

Colin Doughty (Webmaster)

John Dyson (Website Content Coordinator)

Sharin Ingleby (Facebook)

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.



HPS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Statement of Financial Activities

			2016	2015
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Income from generated funds:				
- Voluntary income	101,317	-	101,317	103,049
- Activities for generating funds	5,582	-	5,582	10,849
Income from charitable activities	9,754	-	9,754	10,047
Investment income	3,950	3,738	7,688	6,899
TOTAL	<u>120,603</u>	<u>3,738</u>	<u>124,341</u>	<u>130,844</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Costs of generating voluntary income	41,895	-	41,895	43,574
Charitable activities	46,801	-	46,801	55,573
Governance costs	4,257	-	4,257	4,888
Other resources expended	943	-	943	125
Bursaries etc.		4,760	4,760	1,962
TOTAL	<u>93,896</u>	<u>4,760</u>	<u>98,656</u>	<u>106,122</u>
Net (Loss)/Gain on investment	<u>5,248</u>	<u>4,966</u>	<u>10,214</u>	<u>-599</u>
Net (Expenditure)/Income for the year	<u>31,955</u>	<u>3,944</u>	<u>35,899</u>	<u>24,123</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	31,955	3,944	35,899	24,123
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Funds B/F at 1 January 2016	<u>224,952</u>	<u>212,858</u>	<u>437,810</u>	<u>413,687</u>
TOTAL FUNDS C/F at 31 December 2016	<u><u>256,907</u></u>	<u><u>216,802</u></u>	<u><u>473,709</u></u>	<u><u>437,810</u></u>

HPS Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

Balance Sheet

	2016	2015
Fixed assets	1,101	2,167
Current assets		
Bank balances	210,994	106,814
Investments at cost	282,661	351,839
Debtors & prepayments	16,480	8,569
Stock (booklets)	<u>2,345</u>	<u>991</u>
	512,480	468,213
Creditors		
	<u>-39,872</u>	<u>-32,570</u>
Net current assets	<u>472,608</u>	<u>435,643</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>473,709</u>	<u>437,810</u>
Financed by:		
General fund	256,907	224,952
Bursary fund and bequest	<u>216,802</u>	<u>212,858</u>
	<u>473,709</u>	<u>437,810</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 28 February 2017.

Cathy Rollinson - Chairman

Stuart Senior - Treasurer

SHOWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2017		
Date	Event	HPS Group
16 Jul	Chenies Manor Garden and Plant Fair, Middlesex	Middlesex
19 - 23 July	RHS Tatton Park Flower Show, Cheshire	Cheshire & Friends
3 - 6 Aug	RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show, Chelmsford, Essex	Essex
11 - 12 Aug	Shrewsbury Flower Show, The Quarry Park, SY1 1RN	Shropshire
17 - 20 Aug	Southport Flower Show, Merseyside	North West
20 Aug	Plant Fairs Roadshow, Chawton House, Hants	Hampshire
9 Sep	Usk Show, Monmouth	Monmouthshire
15 - 17 Sept	Harrogate Autumn Show	West Yorkshire
17 Sep	Plant Sale, Sheffield Botanic Garden	South Pennine
23 Sep	Annual Meeting & Plant Exchange, Bubbenhall near Coventry	Conservation
30 Sep	Lecture Day, Bishop Burton College, Beverley	East Yorkshire
7 Oct	Anna Pavord Celebrity Lecture	Hertfordshire
13 Oct	Autumn Plant Auction, Leeds	West Yorkshire
	Trustees' meetings 17 October Group Secretaries 14 October Post holders December	

HPS DIAMOND JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY OPEN GARDENS 2017

It's very exciting to be part way through the programme of openings of the 61 HPS member gardens as part of the celebrations for our 60th anniversary. Each garden is opening to the public, charging an admission fee, and donating the proceeds to a charity of their choice or their local Group after giving £1 for each entry to the society to help to reduce the insurance and publicity costs that the scheme will incur for us. The charities are very wide ranging and include the *Motor Neurone Association, various Hospices, Parkinsons and a number of local historic churches.*

In July there are 11 gardens open

Sun 2 July, 1.30pm-5pm, Anna and Michael Peacock open *45 Chapel Lane, North Scarle, Lincoln, LN6 9EX*. The garden is three quarters of an acre and features linked areas with arches covered in roses, clematis, honeysuckle and

jasmine. The garden is maintained as chemical free for beneficial insects. **£3, children free.**

Sat & Sun 8 & 9 July, 10am–4pm, Dr Robin Goodfellow opens *The George House, the Square, Axbridge, Somerset BS26 2AP*. This is a 1/3 acre garden with splendid views across the moors to Glastonbury Tor and features rare plants and fruit, and areas for specialist planting. **£2.50, children free.**

Thurs 13 July, 11am–4pm, Ruth and Clive Plant open *Yew Tree Cottage, Long Lane, Haughton Stafford ST18 9JR*. This is a cottage country garden crammed with plants and featuring a national collection of diorama species. **£3, Children free.**

Fri & Sat 15 & 16 July, 11am–3pm Linda Marsh opens *1 Albert Road, Cheltenham GL52 2QY*. A south facing walled garden with plants and grasses in harmonious but bold and hot colours. **£1, children free.**

Sun 16 July, 2pm–5pm Jed and Barbara Riley open *6 Tennyson Avenue, Gedling, Nottingham NG4 3HJ*. Their garden has a host of hardy plants and trees and much to see growing in pots. Inspiration for those of us with a suburban garden. **£3, children free**

Tues 18 July, 2pm–6pm, Simon and Sue Youell welcome you to *Braglands Barn, Stogumber, Somerset, TA4 3TP*. Their garden is about an acre with a wide range of plants and trees and a design to provide colour and interest over a long period. **£3, children free**

Sat 22 July, 11am–5pm, Margot Grice opens *Dragons, Boyton Cross, Roxwell, Chelmsford CM1 4LS*. Here you can see colour themed borders planted with wildlife in mind, owned and gardened by a self-confessed plantaholic! **£4, children free.**

Sun 23 July, 1.30pm–5pm, Helen Brown welcomes us to *Little Ash Farm Bungalow, Fenny Bridges, Honiton, Devon, EX14 3BL*. This is a country garden of 1.5 acres with many different and unusual perennials and trees, designed for year round owner's pleasure. There is a natural stream and pond and wildlife and meadow areas. A real plant lover's delight.

£4, children free.

Also on Sun 23 July, 11m–5pm Sue Jackman opens *60 Colchester Road, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex, CM9 8DG* Here you will see large borders in $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, a rock garden full of bulbs and alpines, and a rill leading to water steps and a circular pool. **£4, children free.**

Sat 29 July, 1.30pm–5.30pm Elaine and John Walker welcome you to *Riseholme, 125 Shelford Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham NG12 1AZ*. Their garden features a gravel garden with stream and a sheltered area for tender plants. **£3, children free.**

Sun 30 July, 2pm–5pm Heather Osborne completes July for us by opening her garden at *20 St Stephens Avenue, St Albans, Herts AL3 4AD*. She has coordinated colour in a town garden, and planting with many unusual plants in varied habitats. Seating and a conservatory in case the weather is unkind! **£3.50, children free.**

August & September round off the scheme and brings another 8 gardens to visit:

Sun 13 Aug, 1pm–5pm. David Moody opens *28 Covert Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham, NG2 6GP*. This is a garden that has bamboos and exotics as well as interesting trees, shrubs and climbers. **£2.50, children free.**

Sat 19 Aug, 2pm – 5pm. Annie Godfrey opens *8 Gosselin Road, Bengeo, Hertford SG14 3LG*. Annie has recently been very successful getting a gold medal for her display at Chelsea Flower Show. Her garden acts as a trial ground for the plants she uses for display and that she sells at her nursery which is 10 mins away. She specialises in perennials and grasses. **£4, children free**

Sun 20 Aug, 11am–5pm. Three plantsmans' gardens are open for you to visit in Sheffield. **Entry to all three gardens is £7.50 (or £3.50 per garden), children free.**

16 Hallam Grange Croft, Sheffield S10 4BP. Trica and Alistair Fraser have a garden that features unusual hardy geranium, erodium, phlox and crocosmia.

115 Millhouses Lane, Sheffield S7 2HD. Sue and Phil Stockdale have 1/3 acre with a large collection of roses, hosta and clematis, supplemented with tender perennials including salvia, aeonium and echeverias.

90 Bents Road, Bents Green, Sheffield S11 9RL. Viv and Hilary Hutson have a mix of colourful tropical plants which peak in august, and raised beds to provide drainage for not quite hardy perennials. There are many crocosmia, grasses and unusual plants.

Tues 22 Aug, 11am–5pm. Ann Sheppard & John Taylor open *1 Church Cottage, Church Road, Defford, Worcester WR8 9BJ* They have a country garden of 1/3 acre with interesting trees and shrubs, and a Japanese garden with a "dragons den." **£3, children free.**

Sun 27 Aug, 12pm–4pm Pauline Clark opens *4 Bens Acre, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6LW* Pauline has a garden with arbours, ponds and a waterfall, topiary and pots all in a space of 100ft x 45ft. She is raising money for St Catherine Hospice. **£4.50, children free.**

Sun 10 Sept, 2pm-5pm. Daphne and John Foulsham's 1 acre walled garden is open at *Vale End, Chilworth Road, Albury, Guildford GU5 9BE*. The garden overlooks a mill pond and the borders range from sun-baked to cool and shaded, with a wide range of roses, annuals and perennials. There is a clipped yew walk with festooned rope swag, tiny courtyard, fruit, vegetable and herb garden. A wonderful garden with which to end our programme. **£5, children free**

There are also *a further 9 gardens that are only opening by arrangement.* **Do have a look at all of the gardens on the website and see if there are any opening near to you, and for further details of all these stunning gardens. The garden owners have worked very hard to be ready for visitors so please do you bit and recommend to your friends and family, or simply visit yourself. Many gardens will have plants for sale and refreshments available.**

We are very grateful to everyone who has agreed to open and of course we are looking forward to meeting members in the gardens as the season unfolds.

Ruth Plant

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY LECTURE DAY
Hosted by The East Yorkshire Group
Saturday 30 September 2017, 9.45am to 4.45pm



HARDY PLANTS IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Bishop Burton College
Bishop Burton, East Yorkshire, HU17 8QP

Prof. Alistair Fitter - Botanist, University of York
When will it Flower? Phenology in a Changing Climate.

Lizzie Balmforth - Head Gardener at Mount St. John, Thirsk
Planting Combinations at Mount St. John.

Dr. John Grimshaw - Director of the Yorkshire Arboretum
What is a Perennial?

Matthew Wilson - Award winning designer, writer and broadcaster
New Gardening: How to Garden in a Changing Climate.

Nurseries attending: *Garden Blooms, Miresbeck Nursery, Westshores
Nursery and Woodland Plants*

Stalls: *Members' Plants and Sundries*

Cafeteria and ample parking on site, including disabled parking.

For parking please use village entrance.

Tickets £25 including tea and coffee.

Buffet Lunch £12 (must be pre-ordered) or bring your own.

The walled garden will be open at lunch time to visit.

Members' gardens open on Friday 29 September and Sunday 1 October

Additional details and booking forms are available from *East Yorkshire Hardy Planters* Facebook page or the national website www.hardy-plant.org.uk

Or write to: Keith Scott, 31 Park Avenue, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU5 3EW

Tel: 01482 494276 email: klscott@klscott.karoo.co.uk

Payment by cheque payable to **HPS East Yorkshire. Please include SAE.**

JUST 25 TICKETS LEFT!

WORCESTERSHIRE GROUP

CELEBRITY LECTURE DAY



**celebrating the Diamond Jubilee
of the Hardy Plant Society
Pershore College, Saturday September 9, 2017**

- HPS president **ROY LANCASTER** – *My Life With Plants*, based on his new autobiography
- *Daily Telegraph* plant guru **DERRY WATKINS** – on *New Plant Introductions from Around the World*
- Nurseryman **JULIAN SUTTON** – on *How Flowers Came To Be*

Four nurseries will have plants for sale - as well as John McGhee's brilliant plant supports - and compost master Jeremy Thomas will be on hand to help solve your compost problems.

It all starts at **10.45am** – please arrive in good time - and ends by around **4.30pm**. You can book a buffet lunch with us – *it must be ordered in advance* - or bring your own.

- **TICKETS:** £15 for non-Worcestershire members
- **LUNCH:** £10.20 a head for buffet lunch in the College refectory, to be pre-booked via Lyn Maile. Dietary requirements please.

For tickets or information, please contact **Lyn Maile** on sec@worcs-hardy-plant.org.uk or 01905 820267

Hampshire Group Lecture Day 2018
EAST TO WEST – AND SOMETHING IN BETWEEN!
with Dan Hinkley, Timothy Walker and Diane Clement

Sunday 22 July 2018 from 9.15 to 16.00
The Lantern Theatre, Mountbatten School, Whitenap Lane,
Romsey, Hampshire SO51 5SY

Dan Hinkley Dan's talk is on *Making Heronswood*, which is situated near Kingston, Washington State, USA. He will give us an insight into this ever changing garden, which he and his partner Robert L Jones began in 1987.

Timothy Walker will be speaking on *The Harcourt Arboretum – one of Oxfordshire's brightest botanical jewels*. The Harcourt Arboretum was founded by the Harcourt family in 1835. It was annexed to the University of Oxford Botanic Garden in 1963 and this talk looks at the 180 year history of the site plus a walk around the 130 acre arboretum.

Diane Clement will be speaking on *Chinese Lanterns and Tibetan Prayer Flags* – this is a new lecture for 2017 showing some of the wonderful plants seen on the AGS tour of Sichuan in June 2016.

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

Priority will be given to Hampshire Group members up to Monday 30 October 2017, after this date it will be open to all HPS members.

Applications received before the 30 October 2017 from non-Hampshire members will be processed after this date, in date receipt order.

Nurseries selling plants: *Phoenix Perennial Plants, Kevin Hughes and Elworthy Cottage Plants*

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

SHADE AND WOODLAND GROUP
SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2018

This is advance notice of our AGM and annual meeting to be held at *Bubbenhall Village Hall*, Lower End, Coventry, CV8 3BW.

After a short AGM **Bob Brown** of Cotswold Garden Flowers will be talking on *Plants that do well in Shade but shouldn't*. This will be followed by our rare plant auction and raffle. After lunch we will be visiting the nursery, garden and the National Collection of *Anemone nemorosa* held by **Brian Ellis** of *Avondale Nursery*, Mill Hill, Baginton, Coventry, CV8 3AG. Brian will give an introductory talk. Members' plant sales, refreshments included. Cost to be confirmed

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

Julian's talk is entitled *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

Bleddyn's talk will be on his *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: please 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

PULMONARIA GROUP MEETING 2018

The 2018 Pulmonaria Group Day will be on 14 April at *Winterbourne Earls* village hall, near Salisbury, Hampshire. The morning will follow the usual procedure of plant sales, raffles and talk (still to be finalised). In the afternoon we will visit the garden of our Chaiman, **Lyn Miles** to inspect the largest collection of Pulmonarias in the U.K. We will also visit the garden of member, **Karen Roberson** close by. We have avoided the *Passionate about Plants* day which is on the 21 April 2018.

Barry Street

THE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL LECTURE DAY OF THE HPS 25 March 2017

Norfolk and Suffolk Group can be proud of themselves following the successful hosting of the Diamond Anniversary of the Society's Annual Lecture Day.

Of the 173 attendees, 53 were local Group members, showing their support. These included the ALD committee and all the volunteers for the day.

Speakers were **Matthew Biggs** on *Lessons from Great Gardeners* and **Alan Gray** on *What is Hardiness?*



During the long lunch break **Norfolk Radio** was broadcasting *The Garden Party* from an adjacent room, and members could drop in and ask questions of the panel between lunch and shopping at the plant stalls, books and raffle, plus garden ironmongery, until it was time for the AGM, during which stallholders and other non-members could drop in on them.

The celebration cake was ceremoniously cut by **Flora Bloom (left)**, before the cake, that was cut earlier, was served with tea or coffee, Then Flora, second wife of **Alan Bloom**, and the other founders' descendants, **Penelope Hellyer** and **Fabian Sambrook**, were presented with baskets of our *Norfolk and Suffolk Heritage Plants*, with their smart labels, and one of the lifelike sugar-paste hellebores taken from the

cake, before inviting Alan to give his talk. Alan was also given a set of four mugs sporting hand-painted caricatures of his own cats, since he had given his talk free of charge. Matthew was given a Heritage Plant.

A number of volunteers stayed back to help clear up, for which the Catering Manager was very pleased. I explained to him that most of us were old ladies with well-trained husbands!

Chris Davies, Group Chairman

CHELSEA 2017

It started out as just a small idea in the back of **John McGhee's** head – and turned into a star attraction at this year's *Chelsea Flower Show*.

Last year, *Worcestershire* got the go-ahead to represent the national society during its Diamond Jubilee at Chelsea and John started working with freelance engineer **Caleb Whitcombe** to turn the idea of a fully revolving display – the first in the entire history of Chelsea - into a reality.



Worcestershire member **Linda Marsh** chose the plants for the display – 60 different plants, one for each year of the society's existence. Others coordinated caring for the plants whilst they were growing with labelling for the stand, driving everything to the Chelsea site, producing the QR code for the stand,

producing literature and organising PR for the event.

Linda thanked **Bob** and **Ed Brown**, *Cotswold Garden Flowers*, for their unflinching support housing the plants in the run-up to Chelsea.

One of the big achievements was the broadcast by the **BBC** of a seven-minute film about the HPS on the Thursday of show week. "We approached them back in February to tell them about our story - this group of amateur plant lovers who were not part of the horticultural industry, not famous garden designers, not nurseries. We just do this because we love plants. I can tell you that the interest in our stand went through the roof on the Friday and Saturday. We've managed to sign up more than 100 new members during Chelsea, which we're thrilled about. But it's also been personally rewarding for everyone who's been involved –they deserve all the credit."

HPS chairman **Cathy Rollinson** said the stand was an impressive display. "It looked very good and was well received by the public and professionals alike. The TV coverage has given a very positive image of the HPS."

But what about the RHS silver-gilt award for the stand? "We said from the start that our aim was to try to recruit new members," said John. "To be honest, we expected a silver. That's the truth. So, to get a silver-gilt was a genuine thrill for all of us. We had feedback from one of the judges later that we were very close to a gold medal but, as we all know, RHS standards are exacting. And that's the way it should be."



Would we do it again? Probably, but given the massive amount of hard work required. We're all taking it a bit easier for a while and catching up with our own gardens again - but who knows?

Mick Dunstan

GOLD AT DEVON COUNTY SHOW!

The Devon group presented a stand at the County Show on May 18-20 to celebrate the HPS diamond jubilee.



Designed and planted by **Dorothy Anderson and Mary Benger**, with help from **Brian Churchward**, it won a Gold Medal. Dorothy is pictured in the garden with the award.

She explained *“we wanted to do something that celebrated the variety of hardy plants that can be grown in Devon, but also give ideas that could be replicated in a small garden anywhere.”*

A plant sales area manned by group members afforded the opportunity to chat about HPS with members of the public, some of whom turned up at our June meeting.

Our thanks to the Shows and Events Co-ordinators Sue and Julie for their support.

AND ANOTHER GOLD AT MALVERN SHOW!

This year all plant societies were moved back to the newly refurbished Wye Hall. Due to our commitment with *Chelsea Flower Show* the stand was not the usual size in terms of plants & pots. However, Jan's striking planting and bouquets and the informative story boards & images caught the eye of the judges. Although totally unexpected, we received a Gold award from *Three Counties*. On Saturday afternoon **Carol Klein** visited the stand to familiarise herself with the forthcoming HPS Chelsea display. Not a bad reward for just two of us putting on the display.

John McGhee

PEONY GROUP AGM 14 MAY 2017

The day started overcast and looked for one moment as though we would have a repeat of recent years with damp and drizzly weather. But the clouds cleared and we were left with a bright sunny day till late in the afternoon. Just over 40

people gathered in High Lane Village Hall for our AGM and talk from **Jeannine Lemmens** on *Peonies in the Landscape*.

Our treasurer and chairman did not stand for re-election. As an interim measure **Judy Templar** agreed to stand as *chairman* and **John Richey** as *treasurer*. The *editor* (**John Hudson**) *secretary* (**Kath Carey**) and *seed distribution officer* (**Judy Templar**) were happy to continue in their current roles. They were returned unopposed.

It was agreed to keep the subscription at £5.00 annually for a single person at one address, £6.00 for two people at one address and for overseas members at £6.50.

The day before our AGM our guest speaker was denied boarding her flight from Belgium which left us with a dilemma. After much telephoning, e-mailing and nail biting we managed to set up a link to Belgium so Jeannine could present her talk and manipulate her slides on a large screen as she needed. This was in no small measure due to a new member who had all the technical skills to get everything working. We had about 90 seconds to spare before it went live!! It was worth all the effort and our thanks go to our new member.

Jeannine's talk started with tree peonies, their propagation and planting and then went on to herbaceous peonies. Criteria in the USA have been developed to look at peonies throughout the growing season for qualities regarding foliage, frost resistance, damage from rain, autumn colour, holding flower heads up etc. It gives a whole new way of deciding what makes a good peony for the garden and you realise that peonies have a lot more to offer than a couple of weeks flower in May/June.

After lunch we made our way to **Will McLewin's** and *Phedar*. This is a most unconventional nursery terraced on a steep hillside and Will was on hand to walk and talk us round the site. Who says peonies need full sun to flower as the site is very much on the shady side? And then it was to the *Chadkirk Estate* just a short walk from *Phedar* for a guided and flat walk round, finishing at the cafe for tea and cake.

Kath Carey

THE MAGIC OF PLANTS – BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The conference was held on *Saturday 6 May* at Leeds Beckett University (Headingley Campus)

The speakers were:

Bunny Guinness, landscape architect, journalist and regular panellist
Gardeners' Question Time

Troy Scott-Smith, Head Gardener, Sissinghurst Castle

Val Bourne, the UK's leading natural gardener

Marina Christopher, of Phoenix Perennial Plants – a tapestry of unusual perennial plants and grasses

This was a great day for plant lovers. All four speakers were interesting, witty and, above all, superbly well-informed about their subjects.

**Val Bourne, Marina Christopher and
Troy Scott-Smith**

A strong theme running through the day was the need to use chemicals sparingly, if at all. Several speakers were able to demonstrate from their experience that pesticides usually cause an imbalance in the garden, which very quickly makes the problem worse, as pest predators are either killed or driven away.



Troy Scott-Smith and Bunny Guinness both spoke about the importance of making a garden fit into its place. Right plant, right place was another theme which all speakers understood, though they were all at pains to indicate that trial and error is often the best way to find out what the right plant is! Both Val Bourne and Marina Christopher garden in areas where the local climate is less sympathetic to their gardens than they would wish, so it was fascinating to hear their very honest stories of how they overcame obstacles to create wonderful gardens.



Bunny Guinness

The plant stalls were packed with interesting and unusual plants – it proved impossible to walk away without a purchase.

Our next conference will be in two years' time and will feature a surprise guest speaker!

**GALANTHUS GROUP AGM & STUDY DAY,
SUNDAY 19 FEB. 2017**

121 members gathered on a cold but dry day at *Chedworth Village Hall* in Gloucester. After a hectic hour of purchasing new snowdrop acquisitions, drinking coffee and catching up with friends we took our seats for the 6th AGM chaired initially by **Margaret Stone**, who was retiring having served two years. **Gill Hadland** was elected as our new Chairman.

AGM over, we then heard two very interesting and different lectures, **Julian Sutton's** *The Origins of the Diversity of Garden Plants* and **Jim Almond's** *Species Snowdrops*.



Catherine Part and Terry Hackwell pleased with their purchases!



After lunch we were able to look at **John Sales'** amazing collection of snowdrops at his nearby garden, *Covertside* or the beautiful naturalised displays at *Cerney House*.

Since the AGM we are pleased to report that **Sue Potter** has been co-opted as Secretary, the Group had been without one since **Rob Cole** stood down in March 2016.

Next year the AGM will take place in the West Midlands on *Sunday 18 Feb 2018* when our speakers will be **John Massey** and **Eddie Roberts**.

Lyn Miles

PHOTO LIBRARY

If you have looked at the Image Library in recent months, you will have noticed some changes. We have changed the layout – it's now more obviously organised by genus – and I hope you find that it is now easier to use. Let me know if you have ideas about other arrangements that would be helpful to you. We have also been working hard to tidy up some of the name errors which had crept in. It should now be more consistent, and the number of simple spelling errors reduced – though I doubt if we've got them all yet. For the next step we are considering moving the library to a database, which will allow data to be more easily managed, kept accurate, and shared between different elements of the Society. We shall also be looking at ways of handling botanical name changes, which are ever more common these days, so that you can find the plant you want via the old name or the new. I'll tell you more about that as plans develop.

Please note that I shall be away on boats, one colossal and comfortable, the other small and Spartan, at times in summer and therefore often without internet and unable to respond to image requests. Whilst I'm away, messages to photos@hardy-plant.org.uk will be automatically rerouted to someone who will be able to help, so please use this email account rather than my personal one if you need any images.

This is a good time to think about the entering **HPS annual photographic competition**. Last year's entries increased in number, but we had no entries at all in the Junior category – shame to let a prize go begging, so do encourage your children or grandchildren to have a go. As usual, what the judges are looking for are well composed pictures which do justice to the subject. It's easy to enter – you can just email pictures to me as described below. Even if your pictures don't win, they may be added to the image library on the HPS website.

As in previous years there will be three categories:

1. Individual hardy perennial – whole plant or close-up.
2. Plant grouping, border, garden view, HPS event.
3. A picture by members' children or grandchildren (16 or under) – a photo on any garden-related subject

The closing date is **11 September 2017**. All submissions will be anonymised and an independent panel of judges will then decide upon the winners – results will be announced in the November issue of the newsletter. Prizes of £50, £30 and £20 will be awarded for the first three place winners in categories one and two, with gift vouchers for the junior category.

The prizes are funded from a legacy to the Society from **Nancy, Lady Rowlinson**.

Please email your submissions to photo-comp@hardy-plant.org.uk – please note the change of address. Alternatively, you can use wetransfer,

or send a DVD, SD card or memory stick, if your submissions are too large for an email.

Rules

- The competition is open to all HPS members, except professional photographers or relatives of the judging panel.
- The member submitting the image should have taken the photograph, or in the case of category 3 be the parent/grandparent of the child who has taken the photograph.
- Images taken of private gardens other than that of the entrant must have the permission of the owner before submission. Images containing identifiable people must have their permission before submission.
- Images sent in on a CD/DVD or memory stick will only be returned if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Please ensure that you keep a copy.
- Images should be presented at high resolution in JPG/JPEG format.
- Prints are not acceptable.
- Entrants can submit up to three digital images per category (parents/grandparents up to three for each child), stating which category each image is to be judged in.
- Please include the photographer's name and address and HPS membership number, plus the plant name(s), location and date where appropriate. Images may also be given a title. Please do not superimpose writing on the actual image. If you are using *wetransfer* please put this information in the message area, or email it separately if you prefer.
- Images entered in last year's competition cannot be resubmitted.
- Minimal digital enhancement is acceptable, but alterations that change the authenticity of the image are not.
- All photographs received may be added to the digital image library, and may be used by the Society in publications or promotions.

If you prefer to send them on a memory stick, CD/DVD or SD card, the address for them is:

24 Woodside, Denby Dale, Huddersfield HD8 8QX

Even if you don't want to enter the competition, please consider submitting digital images to the library - you can email, or *wetransfer* them to me at photos@hardy-plant.org.uk. Any images in the library are open for use by anyone, provided the Hardy Plant Society is credited wherever they are used – our aim is that the library should be a free resource which raises the profile of the Society. Therefore, please do not submit images if you wish to retain copyright on them.

We are particularly keen to get pictures which relate to the Annual Seed Distribution. If you want to see which images are missing, you can now find a full list on the website:

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

Brian Hackett - Photo Librarian

SEED DISTRIBUTION APPEAL FOR DONATED SEED.

Last year 187 members collected seed from the plants in their garden. 30 members donating seed for the first time. Without seed donors we would not have a seed distribution; your donations are very much appreciated. We hope that more of you will be able to send seed for distribution this year - remember that by donating five or more packets of different seeds you are entitled to request ten extra packets of seeds with your order.

Now is the time to start looking carefully at the seed ripening on plants which have come to the end of their flowering period:

Collect seed in paper bags or envelopes which you have labelled with the name of the plant. Keep the envelopes in a warm place for a few days until the seed is dry. Remove as much of the chaff from the seeds as possible. One way to do this is the place a sheet of white paper on a tray and tip a few seeds onto it. Carefully push seed to one side and chaff to the other side. This exercise is quite therapeutic!

Do have a close look at the seeds. Are they hard? If they bend or disintegrate when you rub them it is possible that you only have seed cases, 'chaff' or infertile seed. Last year we received empty seed cases of geraniums and *Orlaya* to name but two. Best to collect ballistic seed before it explodes. It is quite reassuring to hear the seeds hit the sides of the paper envelope as they dry. Seeds with 'parachutes' can quite often be non viable and will be easily bent. We appreciate receiving well cleaned seed as we do not have the time to do this ourselves. Please rescue any wildlife before you send us your seeds!

More guidance on collecting and donating seed can be found on the seed pages of the HPS website. www.hardy-plant.org.uk/about-plants/seed/donatingseed If you do not have access to the internet I will be happy to send you a paper copy.

Store your seed in named paper envelopes in an airtight container in the fridge until you are ready to send it to us. If you require a supply of small envelopes in which to send your seed please request these from your seed receiver. (See below.) When you send your seed please include an alphabetical list of the seeds you are sending. This makes it easier and quicker for our seed receivers to add your seed to the spreadsheet. Include your name, telephone number and e-mail address so that we can contact you. It helps if you can send seed as soon as it is ready in several mailings if necessary.

Please note that the seed receiver to whom you should send your seeds may have changed.

If the initial letter of your surname is from A to G, send your seeds to Sue Bosson, Penylan, Penybontfawr, Nr Oswestry. SY10 0EL.

If the initial letter of your surname is from H to N, send your seeds to Judi Deakin, Derwen, Brynwood Drive, Newtown, SY16 2EG.

If the initial letter of your surname is from O to Z, send your seeds to Dennis and Pam Seager, Bagend, Four Crosses, Llanymynech, Powys. SY22 6RP.

The last date for seed to be received for the 2018 list is 31 October.

Pauline Cooper, Seed Distribution Coordinator
seed@hardy-plant.org.uk Telephone 01630 672634

CONSERVATION SCHEME NEWS

The month of May has been busy for me, with the *Malvern Spring Festival* closely followed by *Chelsea* - and the *Conservation Scheme* has featured in both. At *Malvern* this year we had a modest display using picture boards showcasing the various aspects of HPS including conservation, but at *Chelsea* two of our conservation plants were included on the stand. *Iris* 'Peter Hewitt' (Sib) only had one elegant bud that was reluctant to open, but *Zantedeschia aethiopica* 'Glencoe' showed no inhibitions and was in full flower, attracting much attention. You can see more on the website. This plant seems to have rapidly gained interest and is now available from several nurseries around the country so will soon be leaving the Active List.

I was invited to join *HPS Hampshire's Conservation Group* for their annual growers' meeting and plant exchange last month and was pleased to discover *Chrysanthemum* 'Lucy Simpson' (21d) alive and well. In December's *Featured Conservation Plant* piece I reported that, although requested, no plants had been brought for exchange last year. Hampshire growers think that it may be because even in the balmy south of the country it is not fully hardy and needs some protection. This will be considered with the local group co-coordinators when we review the plant list.

We are always interested to know of plants that HPS members may have been growing for a number of years and think should be more widely known. The number of new plants available each year means that some tried and tested excellent plants are no longer offered in garden centres and may be lost from cultivation. Let us know your suggestions and they may be included in the Scheme if they meet the criteria. And if you are interested in becoming involved in the Conservation Scheme yourself see if your local group already has a co-coordinator or consider becoming an independent grower (e-mail me for more information).

Meanwhile the list of plant requests for the *Plant Exchange* has been sent out to the local groups so we should have plenty of plants at our meeting in September.

Jan Vaughan, Conservation Scheme Co-coordinator

CORNUCOPIA

Cornucopia, published each spring and autumn, brings you the pick of the best articles from the Society's local and specialist group Newsletters – but only if you are a subscriber. You are not too late to take out a new annual subscription or to 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

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) @ £3.50; 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.

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Sally Broome, Administrator

HPS BOOKLET ORDER FORM
July 2017



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

Quantity	Title	Cost	Total
	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

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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