

ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Newsletter No. 105

Spring 2019

SPRING SHOW

Show day was cold and dull but, in the Northcourt Centre rooms, all was colourful and full of the scent of spring.

Pleasingly, there were more exhibitors and total entries than last year. 43 exhibitors made 270 entries which included 3 garden and 18 Junior.

It was good to see 15 members entering the handicraft classes which for the first year are only in the spring show. The exhibits created a wonderful display of very high standard crafts. I hope it encourages even more of us to get crafting!

Tulips, blossom or shrub flowers and 'different' spring flowers were the most popular flower classes. 13 members entered an apricot and marmalade loaf cake. A new and tasty recipe to try.

The cups were presented by the mayor, Councillor Margaret Crick.

Victoria Middleton won the J & M Barber cup for most points in the Flowers and Plants section, and the Challenor cup for most points in Handicrafts.

Angela Hughes won the Best Spring Garden cup.

Rebecca Coles won the Scott Challenge cup for Domestic classes.

Laura and Alex Coles gained equal most points in the junior classes. All junior exhibitors received violas and an Easter egg for their original and fun entries.

Show income was as follows:

Teas (profit)	£33.90p
Raffle	£97.00p
Plants	£70.00p
Cakes	£30.50p
Door	£30 .00p (which computes to 30 people @ £1 each)

We had 270 entries to all competitions, which came to £65.15.

Please note profit and loss cannot be calculated until we have all the payment requests in including the hire of the Hall.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make the show such a success.

AGM 15th January

The AGM was chaired by the Mayor Margaret Crick and was followed by a quiz.

Talks to date 2019

19th February 'Seasonal Container Gardening' by Andrew Babicz.

19th March 'In praise of apples' by Charlotte Popescu.

Future talks

21st May 'Violas – An introduction to these wonderful plants' by Jack Willgoss
(plants for sale)

Future Outings

1st May Coughton Court - (coach already filled)

5th to 7th of June 'Visits to Chatsworth House, Barnsdale and National Memorial Arboretum – (coach already filled)

1st August RHS Hyde Hall Flower show

Subscriptions

Please renew your subscription if you have not already done so. Please send your subscription to the Hon. Treasurer Karen Fisher at 1 Langley Road Abingdon OX14 1YB. We are pleased to be able to confirm that subscriptions (£7 single, £10 family) have been unchanged for at least 7 years.

Raffle

Many thanks to those members who donate prizes to the raffle. We are very grateful for donations.

Data Protection

The Society keeps Members' details on computer. This information is used only for contacts by the Society and will never be supplied to any other person or organisation.

Change of date

Please note that the AGM for 2020 will be on Tuesday 21 January 2020, not the 14th as shown in some programmes.

History Notes. Club Archive

The documents listed at the end have been transferred to the Oxfordshire History Centre at the Church of St Luke, Cowley, Oxford. The Accession Number is 6725 17/01/ 2019 'Records of Abingdon Horticultural Society'. Please note that Abingdon was in Berkshire until 1974, so some records might be in the Berkshire Record Office.

A message from the History Centre says that 'the records you deposited in January on behalf of Abingdon Horticultural Society (accession 6725) have now been catalogued under archive reference **O55**.' the index file is attached to the email version of this Newsletter. It can also be searched on line at

<https://apps2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/srvheritage/>

News from Wytham Woods

Ash Dieback - The App

"Last year we developed an app for tracking the spread of Ash Dieback disease, which arrived at Wytham Woods in 2018. Designed to be used by visitors to the Woods, the app is free to download and the data submitted through it will help our researchers monitor the effect the disease has upon our 1000 acres. We are officially launching the app on 18 May at an event in the Woods where we will be on hand to answer your questions and help you learn more about trees"

Member's Garden Open-Penny Guy

Our garden at 86 Hurst Rise Road, Cumnor Hill, Oxford is open again in the NGS this year by appointment throughout June or July. If a small group would like to come along I can take up to 25 at a time or down to 8/10 people & can provide afternoon tea and cake. I can open most days by arrangement in those months.

Please contact Penny at: penny.theavon@virginmedia.com

Seeds

If you would like information or advice about seeds, the following site is hard to beat! <http://theseedsite.co.uk/index.html>

ARCHIVE LIST FOR ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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1. Spring and Autumn show schedules and year books 1957-date
2. Newsletters 1993-date
3. Some history notes from Jackson's Oxford Journal and newspapers.
4. Organised trip announcements
5. Cups and awards notebook 1973-1990
6. Minute books 1885-1922
1983-1990
1959-1971
1971-1982
7. Folders of various loose pages, publicity, show posters, events etc.
8. Accounts books and fees 1975-1982
1982-1993
1923-2009
9. Expenditure 1967-1994
10. Show prizes awarded 1979-1988
11. AGM Minutes

