

ABINGDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER NO. 108 Winter 2019
Best wishes to all our members for a very happy 2020.

Program for 2020.

Please find enclosed our program for 2020. We hope you will all find something of interest. The membership cards list the main program events and our committee members. They are sent out with the Spring Newsletter as the committee names are not finalised until after the AGM. The first trip application is enclosed, and the later ones will be sent out during the year.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 January 2020. do please come along at 19:30 to the Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1NS. The agenda and minutes from last year are attached. Any apologies to Angela Hughes 01235 529316. This is your chance to express opinions about the club and any problems you have. We will be pleased to see you.

Membership Renewals

We decided to retain free entry to talks. We thought it more inclusive and friendly. Many other clubs charge members for attendance. However, once again we have managed to retain our very low annual subscription of £7 single and £10 family at one address. This means we need your subscriptions as soon as possible. Please fill the attached slip and send your cheque to Karen Fisher, Hon Treas., 1 Langley Road, Abingdon, OX14 1YB. We are currently working on a bank transfer method, and will offer that as soon as possible. You can also pay at the AGM, cheques to Abingdon Horticultural Society.

Short Break to North Devon

The club has arranged a break for 13-16 August. See the attached form. Please return your application to join as soon as possible (it is likely to be very popular), and in any case before 31 January 2020. Thank you.

Spring Show Saturday 28 March 2020.

Start planning now for those lovely Spring entries. Send your entries in as soon as possible, latest is Wed 25 March. The schedule is attached, and includes entry for the Spring Garden competition. Judging of the gardens will take place on Thursday 26 March. All gardens must be within the Abingdon-on-Thames boundaries. Please address all entries to Barbara Bingley, Show Secretary, 69 Radley Rd, Abingdon. OX14 3PN.

Christmas lunch.

A new venue was used this year for the Christmas lunch. A large group of 62 members enjoyed a good lunch at the Hilton Garden Hotel. Feedback suggests that the menu was good and the opportunities to meet other members welcomed. Many thanks to Angela, who researched alternative venues and selected the Hilton.

Raffle and Plant Stalls

Many thanks to all those members who have contributed prizes for the regular raffle over the year, and have donated plants to the stall. It all helps to keep the club thriving, and creates an interesting atmosphere.

Data Protection

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

Talks

You will see from the program that we have planned a range of interesting topics for 2020. Please try to support these and make them successful. Many thanks to Pauline for the work involved with the organisation, it is a time consuming process.

New Web Site

Work is continuing on our new web site. It will bring together as many details about the club as possible. The Newsletter will be included on that in future.

Wild Oxfordshire <http://wildoxfordshire.org.uk/>

Wild Oxfordshire is a local charity which provides a co-ordinated and strategic approach to conservation in Oxfordshire. Through providing support and encouraging environmental organisations and volunteers to work together, Wild Oxfordshire will be the catalyst for solutions that benefit wildlife within our rich and vibrant county. We work in partnership with over 60 organisations. A regular monthly newsletter can be sent to you automatically if you are interested in the work of a wide range of clubs and groups throughout Oxfordshire. The link is an example.