

AHS Newsletter August 2020

The committee hopes you have all escaped the direct effects of Covid 19 and are coping well with the restrictions designed to keep us safe.

Due to the ongoing situation all remaining indoor 2020 meetings, visits and the show have been cancelled. The Devon holiday has been postponed until 2021. Of course we all hope to restart with a full programme in 2021. We will keep you up to date via Newsletters, email and the AHS website. We hope you enjoyed the quizzes, which Barry Wiggins kindly organised, and the summer gardens photo gallery.

Thanks to all who contributed and viewed the online photos. David Hastings kept the gallery updated and said there were 1771 viewings (19th June to 13th August).

As the Summer Gardens Gallery was successful we are planning an 'Autumn Show' Photo Gallery. There will be six categories for all of us to display examples of our hard work. David has again kindly agreed to upload our photos on the website.

The Essence of Our Autumn Show categories are -:

- 1) A vase of 5 stems of any flowers
- 2) A Patio Pot
- 3) Fabulous fruit / fruits
- 4) Virtuous vegetable / vegetables
- 5) A Lemon Drizzle or Coffee and Walnut Cake
- 6) Item/s grown/made/painted/created by young people under 16.

Please send them to: autumnshow@abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk between now and the 12th of September – the planned date of the Autumn Show.

If you won a cup at the 2019 Spring or Autumn Show we would like to collect them, ready for the 2021 shows. Please telephone Barbara or David Bingley on 01235 521337 to arrange collection or delivery to 69 Radley Road Abingdon. Many thanks.

The Society's forward planning means we have a number of ongoing and regular expenses, Affiliation fees to the RHS, printing the show schedules and posting them to members, Insurance, website fees etc etc. The number of members who renewed their membership before Lockdown was about 35 down on 2019 and it has not seemed appropriate to remind. Our Treasurers are still happy to accept subscriptions! Please telephone Robin or Karen on 01235 202990 for details.

We have planned a Plant and Produce Sale on September 12th on the Northcourt Centre car park between 10am and midday. It will be great to see you on the morning of the sale and we will do all we can to support you to social distance. Hand sanitiser will be available. To avoid cash handling, payment for plants will be put into a container with no change given. So please bring plenty of loose change.

Many thanks for your continued support of the Abingdon Horticultural Society.

The AHS Committee