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Christmas Lunch

Linda Berry

On Tuesday 6th December 41 members enjoyed Christmas lunch at the Ock Mill. Several people entered into the Christmas spirit with seasonal jumpers, sparkles and festive ties.

Abingdon Horticultural Society 2023 Programme All evening talks start at 7.30pm.

David Bingley

Tuesday 17th January Annual General Meeting - followed by a Fun Quiz

Tuesday 21st February Talk - Richard Harvey - Gardens of the Cotswolds

Tuesday 14th March Talk - Angela Joyce - Protecting Plant Health

Angela is from APHA, who launched the Plant Health and Biodiversity Initiative at the 2022 Chelsea Show.

Saturday 1st April Spring Show

Tuesday 18th April – Talk. Andy From Purely Plants - Seasonal baskets and planters.

Saturday 13th May Plant sale - Northcourt Centre Car Park 10-00 to 12-00

Tuesday 16th May Talk – Kate Burtonwood – The work of an Oxford Head Gardener

Friday evening and Saturday 8th and 9th September The Autumn Show

Tuesday 17th October Talk 7-30 Andrew Miolajski – Adapting to a Changing Climate and the movement away from Pesticides.

Tuesday 21st November Talk 7-30 Ed Munday (BBOWT) How to enrich the Environment with our Planting and garden Practices.

Day trips

Robin Carter

Hello everyone two dates for your new diaries. I am organising two trips during 2023. As it is 2022 when writing this report I have not included prices, times or confirmed any bookings.

The first outing will be to Savill gardens Windsor on the 18th May 2023. This may include a visit to Windsor Town on the way back. As the journey is not too far, we will have a slightly later start time to miss the school runs.

The second outing is to Broughton House Gardens on 24th August 2023 This will be a morning visit with a stop off at Chastleton House Gardens (National Trust) in the afternoon which is only open from 1pm. I am not sure of prices but if it looks too expensive we may have to miss out one of these gardens. I have chosen August because the schools will be still on holiday and Abingdon will have less traffic.

Membership Renewal

Karen Fisher

A reminder that subscriptions to the society are due from the beginning of January 2023. The application form can be downloaded from the website. The cost of subscriptions remains the same as last year, £11 for singles and £15 for family. This can be paid either by cash (I will collect at any of the meetings), cheque or by bank transfer. Account details are:-

Sort code 30-10-04 Account No 00180678

Please could all BACS subs payment reference their name and post code and cheques write on back name and postcode. I wish you all a happy gardening year.

Holiday

Suzanne Hamblin

I am absolutely delighted that we have received 32 applications for the holiday to Cheshire departing on Sunday 11th June for 6 days/5 nights, and pleased to confirm that we will be staying at the Best Western Forest Hills Hotel, Overton Hill, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 6HH on a Dinner Bed & Breakfast basis. The itinerary for the holiday is:

Biddulph Grange, Stoke-on-Trent (National Trust) - on our way

RHS Bridgewater

Chester & Port Sunlight Village (built at the end of the 19th century & originally designed as a home for workers of the Lever Factory)

Tatton Park - Mansion, Gardens & Farm (National Trust)

Dunham Massey - Park, Gardens, House & Servants Courtyard (National Trust)

Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent - on our return journey

If anyone else is interested in the holiday, it is not too late to book as there are some twin rooms still available, please contact Suzanne Hamblin - 01235 527804 for further details.

Dobies Seeds

This year's code is available from the Secretary

The catalogue can be accessed online and ordering is straight forward. You submit the discount code at the end of the order and the discount is applied automatically. We have found the seeds to be a good quality and good value.

Show Schedules

Barbara Bingley

You can see the Spring and Autumn Show by going to the web site address below. You can open up the viewable version, or select the print version and follow the instructions to print your own copy. Be careful to select 'short edge binding' (flip on short edge) in the printer instructions.

https://www.abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk/show_schedules

The scheduling committee hope you like the changes made to update & introduce different classes into the shows. The aim is to encourage more members to enter exhibits.

There is now a second photography class in the Spring show - a Winter photograph.

You will notice that some of the Section titles are now part of Homecrafts. In the Autumn show the new Beverages section now has alcoholic and non-alcoholic classes.

The Muriel Welch Memorial Cup will be awarded for the Autumn show's new Handicraft class – a Crafty Meal on a Plate. This is an opportunity for members to create a fun display using different crafts, including an upcycled element.

The Agenda for the AGM can be seen on the website:

https://www.abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk/agm_agenda

AGM Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7:30 pm. Northcourt Centre.

https://www.abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk/agm_minutes

Obituary

We are sorry to report the unexpected loss of Rosalind McDonald on 19 September. Rosalind was a long time member of the Society, and is sadly missed.