

CSGGA Newsletter

April 2020

Spring Show Edition 2

Virtual Spring Show, 2020 Round 2

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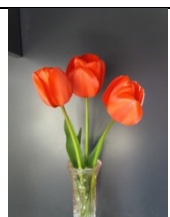
Firstly may I wish you all a happy Easter! It has been a strange one for us all but I hope you are all well and that you are all able to find moments of happiness in your days.

With all the lovely weather we've had, those of us who have been fortunate enough to be able to go out for our one exercise a day will, I'm sure have seen some beautiful plants that have given us joy – that why we introduced the new Class 17 "A plant that gave you joy". This Class will continue throughout the contest, so I hope you remember to take your camera or smart phone on your walk. The entries to this class do not have to be in

your garden and they don't even have to be in anyone's garden, just a plant that made you smile. I'm sure those who are self-isolating will be pleased to see the variety of plants in this class and indeed all the classes, so spread a little happiness!

I understand that one or two of you had difficulties in adding photos this week so there's a quick reminder as to how to do it at the end of this newsletter. When written down it looks far more complicated than it really is, but if you miss a stage then your photo won't upload!

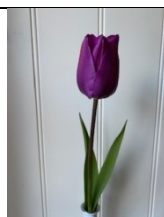
And the winners for Round 2 are



Class 5 Joint 1st
Caroline Jackson



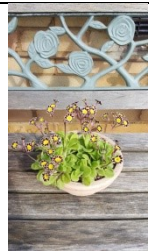
Class 5 Joint 1st
Ravi Kudhail



Class 5A 1st
Briony Wickenden



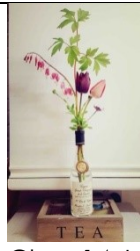
Class 6 1st
Holly Musson



Class 7 1st
Holly Musson



Class 14 Joint 1st
Chin Fenton



Class 14 Joint 1st
Holly Musson



Class 17b 1st
Briony Wickenden

2nd and 3rd places can be found on our website <https://www.csग्ga.org/virtual-spring-show-winning-entries.html>

A Request for help from Margaret Dykes, our Treasurer and friend

Chiltern food bank is in crisis: they have more families than ever to feed and are desperately short of food. Margaret, our treasurer has access to suitable non-perishable food through her voluntary work with a fair trade organisation Traidcraft and has been involved with the food bank since the beginning of the lock down. She asks you to consider the following.

"Having become involved with the Chiltern food bank on behalf of the Parish Church I have become acutely aware of the crisis those people who rely on the food bank are in. We took over £500 worth of Traidcraft goods on Wednesday to the food bank distribution location in central Chesham, made possible by the generous financial donations from members of the church family and the wider community. My involvement with Traidcraft means that I can buy from them many of the items that the food bank need, especially rice and pasta, which are often sold out in the shops.

They have more families than ever to feed and are desperately short of food especially good sources of carbohydrates. And now to the chase : £15 provides rice for 6 families for 2 days each and £30 provides pasta for 12 families for 3 days each. Would you be able to sponsor a box of rice or pasta or more to help us continue to support those in our society who especially need our help in these difficult and frightening times?"

If you are able to help please contact Margaret on williamdykes@btinternet.com or 07968421416.

Seed Matching Service and Pop Up Plant Sale



Following concerns regarding safe social distancing, we have revised our plans to hold pop up plant sales – see April Newsletter but to run it in conjunction with the seed matching service. We have added a full list of all the plants and seeds available to our website <https://www.csग्ga.org/seed-matching-and-plant-sale.html> So If you'd like to have some plants or seeds, please check it out to see what's on offer before emailing membership@csग्ga.org with a request. We'll then make contact to arrange a timeslot for collection from the garden/drive of a committee member.

A full list of all the seeds and plants we have available is now on our website So, if you are looking for seeds, please take a look and send an email with your request to membership@csग्ga.org

Some plants will not be ready yet, so please keep checking over the next few weeks. Obviously, we will only have limited stock and will not necessarily be able to maintain the website to make changes as plants sell out, we might also have to put limits on the number of plants anyone can have if the demand outstrips supply.

Virtual Spring Show - continued

Week beginning 5 April 2020 – voting starts on 12th April:

[Class 8 Petite flower arrangement](#) – to fit within a 6" cube

[Class 9 Any other flower](#) NOT Daffodils or tulips - 1 Kind, 3 Stems in a vase

[Class 11 Any Vegetable](#). (Any quantity)

[Class 18 Container of bulbs or corms in flower - only 1 variety](#)

[Class 19 Container of bulbs or corms in flower – more than one variety](#)

[Class 17c Any plant that gave you joy](#) (new)

Week beginning 12th April 2020 – voting starts on 19th April:

[Class 10 Rhubarb](#) – 3 Sticks, forced with leaves OR 3 sticks natural, leaves trimmed

[Class 11b Any Vegetable not previously shown](#)

[Class 16 Cactus or succulent](#).

[Class 15 Mixed Foliage Display \(No Flowering Material\) in a vase or jug.](#)

[Class 17d Any plant that gave you joy](#)

[Class 21 Propagation](#) a cutting or seeds you are nurturing

Note: We will repeat some classes and add extra ones as the season continues

Still to come

Class 12 Flowering Pot Plant (in flower) including bulbs & orchids (max pot size 8")

Class 20 – Alpine or Rock Plant - new

Reminder of how to enter

1. Click on the relevant class either in the email, newsletter or on our website <https://www.csgga.org/virtual-spring-show.html>
2. When it opens click on "Add photo" on the left hand side of the in a green box – this will open up a form
3. Click in the box that says CSGGA member – unless you're not!
4. Add your email address and make sure it's correct!
5. Click in the box that asks you to confirm its your photo so the tick appears – I've noticed it sometimes looks as if there is already a tick but make sure it is a solid green tick
6. Select and click on your photo – you might have had to download it from your camera first but from a smart phone you should be taken straight to the file with your photos.
7. Make sure there is the file name in the box
8. Enter your name in the title box – **this is a new request as I discovered that if someone else has used the same title ie "tulips" it couldn't be used a second time and so wouldn't upload their photo.**
9. Click to accept the privacy notice
10. Save and you should be returned to the class page **BUT your photo won't appear until I approve it** which may take a day as I'm still working and have been unbelievably hectic for the last month – very glad it's a long weekend!

As a final check if you are in any doubt check just before 6.00 pm on Sunday evening and if it's not there, send it to me but only as a very last resort, please.

Stay safe and well and happy snapping!

Briony

Coronavirus – how to get help in Chalfont St Giles

The COVID-19 crisis is affecting our residents and many do not have a local support network to assist during self-isolation and are in need of help. This network has been established to provide support for Chalfont St Giles residents by Chalfont St Giles residents. See website for details www.csghelpline.co.uk or telephone Louise Chamberlain 07956 190291 or Eleanor O'Connor 07946 629076

- If you can offer some help to your neighbours, they would love to hear from you.
- If you would like to request some assistance, they are here to help you if they can.

The following essential stores in the village and a couple beyond are able to deliver to the self-isolated and vulnerable. Please contact them directly.

Fruits & Roots Tel. 01494 871042

Stratton Bakery Tel. 01494 874983

Warners Butchers Tel. 01494 872016

Yaldens Tel. 01494 872219

The Deli Tel. 01494 871099

Wells Farm Dairy Tel. 01785 780072

The Ivy House 01494 872184 (fruit,veg & meat boxes) The Hatchery Farm Shop 01494 670109

If you live outside Chalfont St Giles, please don't hesitate to contact one of the committee, and we will do our best to find you some support, if you need it.

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New Committee members are always welcome. We are a friendly bunch! Please contact a committee member to find out more if you're interested in joining us.

Dates for the Diary

We do hope that we will be able to organise these visits, but they are currently on hold.

National Memorial Arboretum, Staffs, and Hill Close Gardens, Warwick

Saturday 25th July 2020

Our summer visit to the National Memorial Arboretum includes entry to the Plant Hunters Fair, followed by a visit to the restored Victorian Hill Close Gardens in Warwick: two unique and unusual venues.

The Beth Chatto Gardens, Colchester

Thursday 20th August

An opportunity to visit Beth Chatto's inspirational garden at the height of summer, showing what becomes possible when you work with nature rather than against it.

Full details in the Garden Visits and Outing brochure – please contact Eleanor O'Connor, if you don't have a copy.