

CSGGA Newsletter

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Spring Show Edition 3



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Virtual Spring Show, 2020 Round 3

I hope you have all had time to savour some moments of happiness during the last week. While the news continues to be rather grim and there's a lot of sadness all around, nature has a way of reminding us that there is still a great deal to be thankful for. We've enjoyed many beautiful blue skies and now, some long awaited rain. There are signs of Spring everywhere, the blossom is magnificent and the insects are busy pollinating the fruit, the trees are coming into leaf and the bluebells are beginning to carpet the

woods.

One of my moments of happiness came yesterday when I discovered that we had more participants to the Virtual Show than we've had previously with 4 new "exhibitors" joining in the fun and the number of entries to Class 17, "Any plant that gave you joy" has increased again.

And the winners for Round 3 are

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|  Class 8 1 st Ravi Kudhail |  Class 9 Ravi Kudhail |  Class 18 Joint 1 st Hollie Musson |  Class 18 Joint 1 st Holly Musson |
|  Class 19 1 st Briony Wickenden |  Class 11 Joint 1 st Margaret Dykes |  Class 11 Joint 1 st Margaret Dykes |  Class 11 Joint 1 st Chin Fenton |
|  Class 17c Joint 1 st Margaret Dykes |  Class 17c Joint 1 st Briony Wickenden | 2nd and 3rd places can be found on our website https://www.cscca.org/virtual-spring-show-winning-entries.html | |

Chiltern Food Bank - Appeal

Margaret and Bill Dykes have been delighted by the response to last week's appeal for donations to help provide much needed food supplies for local families, but the challenge is ongoing. If you are able to help please contact Margaret on williamdykes@btinternet.com or 07968421416.

Seed Matching Service and Click and Collect 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.

So, if you are looking for seeds, please take a look and send an email with your request to membership@csग्ga.org

We've had a number of plant donations from members of BLAA and other locals. There are some fantastic tomato and pepper plants available. 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 19th April – voting open 26th April:

Class 5 – Tulips 3 stems, 1 variety own foliage, displayed in a vase

Class 5A – Tulip 1 stem, with own foliage, displayed in a vase

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

Class 17e – A Plant that gave you joy

Class 20 - Alpine or Rock Plant – new

Class 22 - Pot of Pansies or Violas (max pot size 8")

Week beginning 12th April – voting now open:

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

Reminder of how to enter

1. Go to our website <https://www.csग्ga.org/virtual-spring-show.html> and click on the relevant class
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.