

CSGGA Newsletter

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Spring Show Edition 4



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Virtual Spring Show, 2020 Round 4

While the lockdown continues and our lives are still upside down, I hope you've had time to enjoy the changing season and see the rhythms of the natural world unfolding in your gardens or through your windows, and, if you are as fortunate as I am, during your daily exercise. So, while we are staying safe at home, the words of W H Davies in his

famous poem, "Leisure" seem so relevant today and perfectly capture the essence of what I hope our Virtual Spring Show is offering to those who are participating either by entering their inspirational photographs, voting or looking at the winning entries on the website. We've greatly appreciated some lovely messages of encouragement from members.

In the main May Newsletter, due next week, we will announce the winner of the Cup, as we have now completed all the Spring Show Classes. Now it's all just for fun!

Leisure by W H Davies

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

And the winners for Round 4 are



Class 10 1st
Grant Kirkby



Class 11b
Chin Fenton



Class 15 Joint 1st
Chin Fenton



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Chin Fenton

			
Class 16 1st Margaret Dykes	Class 17d Joint 1st Mary Bentall	Class 17d Joint 1st Margaret Dykes	Class 17d Joint 1st Elaine Hoare
			
Class 21 Joint 1st Susie Bicknell	Class 17c Joint 1st Ravi Kudhail	Class 17c Joint 1st Briony Wickenden	

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

Week beginning 26th April – voting open 3rd May: <https://www.csgga.org/virtual-spring-show.html>

Class 14b Flowers from my Garden, displayed in a vase or jug – these should be plants that you pick from your garden or allotment this week

Class 17f Any plant that has given you joy

Class 23 My favourite flower border

Class 24 A colourful container

Class 25 Flying Visitors to the Garden – of the winged variety, birds, bees, insects of any species

Class 26 Herbs in my Garden, in a bed or container, one or more varieties

Week beginning 19th April – **voting now open:**

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")

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.csgga.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!

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.