

CSGGA Newsletter

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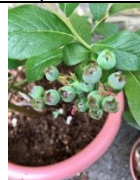
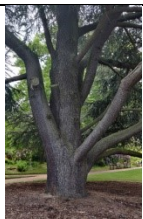
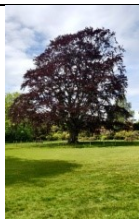

Virtual (Spring) Show, 2020

I think it is now time for us to recognise that the season has changed but I really don't want to contemplate the thought that we might see out the summer and still be holding virtual shows into the Autumn! So from now on it will just be called the Virtual Show.

If you receive the newsletter by post, you won't know that I had made an error in recording the points for the Edwards Cup. While Chin Fenton remained the overall winner, Hollie Musson scored 23 points and Ravi Kudhail 21 so Hollie came second. My apologies to all concerned and thanks to my good friend Margaret for

checking my back!

And the winning entries for Round 7 are

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| Class 17g Joint 1 st Jan Bradley | Class 17 g Joint 1 st Ravi Kudhail | Class 17g Joint 1 st Ravi Kudhail | Class 29 Joint 1 st Gary Jackson | Class 29 Joint 1 st Gary Jackson |
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| Class 27 Joint 1 st Caroline Jackson | Class 27 Joint 1 st Gary Jackson | Class 27 Joint 1 st Holly Musson | Class 28 1 st Chin Fenton | |
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M's Action Diary for June

- Remove spent flowers from roses by cutting back to the next leaf.
- Divide bearded irises after flowering
- Trim hedges and feed with a general fertilizer
- Cut euphorbias and oriental poppies down to ground level. Fresh leave with grow, and some poppies may flower again. Safety note: remember to wear gloves for euphorbia as the sap is an irritant to skin and eyes.
- Remove spent flowers from rhododendrons and azaleas
- Prune spring and early summer flowering shrubs such as deutzia forsythia and philadelphia
- Cut back perennial geraniums and aquilegias unless needed for seeding
- Continue keeping an eye open for vine weevils and lily beetles
- Birds still need feeding and being supplied with fresh water.

Green Gardening Tip

Encourage creatures that feed on greenfly and blackfly such as birds, insects and their larvae, earwigs and bats. Grow flowers that attract hoverflies, lacewings and ladybirds. Inspect plants regularly and pick off shoots and leaves infested by these pesky aphids and drop into a bucket of soapy water. A strong jet of water can also dislodge them or squish heavy infestations on fresh plant shoots with your fingers (wear rubber gloves if squeamish). Avoid sprays - as birds, wasps and other beneficial creatures are feeding their young. www.gardenorganic.org.uk/pests-and-diseases



Pop-Up Plant Sales and Seed Matching Service raise £1,372.96!



The pop-up plant sales continued in May and early June. Jan and Caroline both held a couple more, Caroline raising over £100 with the sale of her specialist carnivorous plants and Sue Wakeford held a one woman sale of plants she had propagated. So the revised total is £1372.96, which has been donated to support the local food bank and the CSG Coronavirus Support Network. Many, many thanks, an outstanding effort by all concerned!

Gardens to Visit

With the gradual easing of the lockdown some of the RHS and NGS Gardens are again opening to the public but all visitors have to pre-book online in advance of their visit. To book RHS Wisley [click here](#) or for the NGS gardens that are opening [click here](#).

Virtual Show

Round 8 – Entries close 21st June

[Class 35 – A Single geranium/pelargonium grown in a pot](#)

[Class 36 – A hanging basket](#)

[Class 37 – 4 pods of broad beans](#)

[Class 38 – A lettuce, any variety](#)

[Class 39 – A plate of strawberries you have grown! – minimum 4](#)

[Class 17h – Any plant that has given you joy](#)

Round 7 – voting starts 14th June

[Class 32 – Alliums in Flower](#)

[Class 33 – That's a surprise](#)

[Class 34 Iris in Flower](#)

[Class 31b A Rose, 1 Stem](#)

[Class 14c – Flowers from my Garden](#)

Holiday to Suffolk

Sadly, due to the current situation, our holiday to Suffolk was unable to take place, but we are planning to offer the same holiday in June next year. Watch this space.

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 and it seems increasingly unlikely we will be able to travel there by coach.

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.