Chichester Organic Gardening Society Newsletter 69, September 2015

Welcome to your Newsletter. The new format and smaller content are partly experimental so please let us have your views.

New for the Committee: We are delighted that Stephanie Carn will be taking over the duties of Membership Secretary from Nina, who will be staying on the Committee for the present.

Membership Renewal is due now:

Please note that this stands at £6 per household. Should you wish to renew by Standing Order, here are the details:

Lloyds TSB, Sort Code 30 91 97

No. 01914064 Chichester Organic Gardening Society

This makes it much easier for everyone so please do this if possible. If you do set up a Standing Order or you change your email address (and are receiving your newsletter by email) PLEASE let me know: nina@nrglearning.co.uk

Weald and Downland Countryside Show: 10-11 October

Help needed please! COGS have been invited to have a stall again. So we shall need helpers on the days, and in particular any plants, produce, jams etc. It is a very enjoyable occasion and we have found it useful for COGS to have a presence at a popular local show. (Note: there is no Transition Green Fair this autumn so no clash). If you can help in any way and have not already been contacted, please do get in touch with Penelope (01243 771881).

Thank you!

Your COGS organisers are:

Officers:

Secretary – Penelope Johnstone (01243 771881)

Treasurer – David Scott (01243 778689) d4davidscott@btinternet.com

Membership Secretary – Stephanie Carn (01243 533393) stephcarn@gmail.com

Organisers:

Speaker Secretary – vacant; temporarily filled by Committee

Bookshop/Librarian - Barbara MacGregor (01243 781849)

Infinity Orders – Pat Evans (01243 602713) pat_adams@btopenworld.com

Publicity - currently vacant

Website – Tom Broughton (01243 530019) tom@chicogs.org.uk

Committee Members:

Pat Alderton (01243 822615) David Scott

Nina Guilfoyle (01243 776063) John Bennett (01243 781289)

Penelope Johnstone Anne Bennett "

Stephanie Carn

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Meetings 2015:

September 28: Monica Lucas "Aster Amellus, its Friends and Family"

Monica grows these very popular flowers and will be telling us about their many varieties and their cultivation.

October 26 AGM and Harvest Supper

Come and give your opinion and your vote – this is your Society! We need your support and participation. And the Harvest Supper is one of our highlights.

November 30, Fergus Milton on Butser Ancient Farm:

A pictorial tour of the farm, how our ancestors grew crops, the ancient cereal varieties, and metal working.

2016: January 25: Dr Steve Millam, Some New Ideas for your Vegetable and Fruit Garden. Dr Millam, Director of Brinsbury Campus, Chichester College, has long experience of horticultural research, and last year spoke to us about Potatoes, their history and varieties.

February 29: Andy Lewis, Uppark: this very lovely National Trust house and property, its gardens, and thoughts on gardening.

March 21: Members' Evening on Propagation, led by David Donovan: David took part in the recent COGS Question Time, and is an expert at propagation. Please bring your own pots, and perhaps a plant from which you would like to take cuttings. We shall provide compost.

April 25: Members' Evening: Bring any photos, problems; also spare seeds, seedlings, etc. to share. Tell us your plans for the planting season.

May 23: Plant Swop and Spring Fling: This is an evening to exchange our seedlings, young or mature plants, and also as always bring a dish to share (home cooked if possible). There will be a (now traditional) Quiz.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Monday 13 June 2016:

Evening visit (7.0-9.0 pm.) to Roger Parsons' Sweet Peas £6.50 for Tour plus Wine & Nibbles. More information nearer the time

Unless otherwise stated, Monday meetings take place at Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, St Pancras, Chichester PO19 7LG Meetings start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.15pm

Next orders to Pat by Mon **9 November** please.

(cheques to be with Pat by that date)

Delivery on Tuesday **17 November** please collect asap

Any member is welcome to order and there is no minimum order

If anyone new is interested please contact

pat_adams@btopenworld.com or 01243 602713

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