

Chichester Organic Gardening Society
Newsletter 71, September 2016

Notes from the Committee: We have had some interesting meetings and have a good line-up for spring 2017. We would like more committee members – have you thought of standing? In particular :

We need a new Secretary as Penelope is standing down in October.

To repeat: Secretary Task includes: taking Minutes from Committee meetings and distributing to cttee members; preparing papers for the AGM and writing the Minutes; and at present preparing the Newsletter. It would be helpful for the secretary to have their own computer and some expertise in the internet (neither of which the current secretary has). IF someone would like to produce the Newsletter in its previous format they would be welcomed.

COGS now has a Facebook page! If you are on Facebook please Like <https://www.facebook.com/ChichesterOrganicGardening/> and invite any interested friends to Like it too.

Diana Morgan (morgandiana68@hotmail.com) is very kindly running this and would like one or two volunteers to join her as Page administrator as backup - this will not be at all onerous!

The Green Fair on April 23rd was an enjoyable event, and we concentrated on leaflets and promoting Organic methods. Thank you very much to those who helped on the day.

LAST CALL! Weald and Downland Countryside Show: 8-9th October
Help needed please! We shall need at least two more helpers on the days, to make up numbers and ensure reasonable shifts. In particular any plants, produce, jams etc. We can only take part if we have enough people, so please do get in touch with Penelope (01243 771881). Thank you!

Your COGS organisers are:

Secretary – Penelope Johnstone (01243 771881)

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Committee Members: as above plus

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Meetings 2016:

September 26: Sarah Hughes, Community Wildlife Officer at Chichester District Council: a very entertaining and informative speaker who will speak about wildlife in our gardens and the importance of community groups in protecting it.

October 31: AGM and Harvest Supper. Business first – see details on the separate papers. And bring a dish to share – if possible made with your homegrown produce. Remember to bring your own plates, cutlery etc.

November 28: Bill Martin: From Coal to Cucumbers - the development of a Land Settlement Association in Sidlesham.

Meetings 2017

January 30 Members' evening: Seed Swap, bring any photos, queries, anything special, share experiences; or just come and listen and meet people.

February 27 "An end to poison - why we need to rethink pesticides" Nick Mole of Pesticides Action on this very important topic.

March 27 Slindon's Organic Success: Mark Wardle, Warden of Slindon Estate. (We hope to have a follow-up visit to the estate next summer).

April 24 Grow Chichester: Julia Sander will talk about recent developments and plans on this very popular local project which includes the Bishop's Palace Garden and the community Orchard.

May 22 Our annual **Plant Swop and Spring Fling.** Do bring plenty of plants and seedlings to exchange; and a home-made dish or two to share.

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

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