

Chichester Organic Gardening Society
Newsletter 72, April 2017

1992 – 2017 This is our Silver Jubilee Year! And we hope to celebrate our 25 years at our October AGM and Harvest Supper.

Notes from the Committee: We have had some interesting meetings and have a good line-up for the rest of 2017. There are three visits, one of which is a follow-up to Mark Wardle's very interesting talk in March. There will be sign-up boards for those who would like to join.

NB: Crosslands and Cookcroft both need to know numbers; so if you do sign up and then nearer the date cannot come, or have not signed and wish to come, please phone Penelope on 01243 771881.

We would like more committee members – have you thought of standing? In particular: **We need a new Secretary** as Penelope is filling in meanwhile, but would like to pass on duties to a successor!

To repeat: Secretary Task includes: taking Minutes from Committee meetings and distributing to committee 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).

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

Shows: Green Fair Saturday May 13 – we would like some help. Even one hour during the day would mean the Few can take time off! If you can help please phone Penelope on 771881.

We shall probably be invited to the **Weald and Downland Countryside Show, October 7-8**, and if so shall be asking for helpers. This is an enjoyable occasion, and helpers get free entry.

Your COGS organisers are:

Secretary – interim – Penelope Johnstone (01243 771881)

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Committee Members: Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, plus:

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Diana Morgan (01243 786386)

Anne Bennett “

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Meetings 2017

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. This is the season for seedlings and young plants, so please make the most of the occasion! Someone else may want ones you have a whole lot of, and you may find some treasures.

Summer Visits

Monday June 12: Cookscroft Garden, Bookers Lane, Earnley, Chichester, PO20 7JG. Meet 2.30 p.m. for an introductory talk. Tea and cake £7.
(6 m.S of Chichester. At end of Birdham Straight A286 from Chichester, take L fork to E Wittering B2198. 1 m on before sharp bend, turn L into Bookers Lane, 2nd house on L. Parking available.)

Monday July 3: Slindon Organic Estate. Guided walk with Mark Wardle, Warden. Meet 2.0 p.m. Donation of £3 welcome.
(Drive into Slindon College, keep straight on and park in National Trust Estate Yard.)

Monday July 24: Crosslands Flower Nursery, Barnham Lane, Walberton, BN18 0AX. Nursery specialising in alstromeria. Meet at 7.0 p.m. for a conducted tour, £5.
(Directions- Take the 1st left after Barnham Station (on right) into Lake Lane. At the fork in road, go left into Barnham Lane. The nursery is about half a mile on the right hand side)

Autumn Meetings

September 25 Sarah Beard, Medical herbalist. Sarah will discuss the various medicinal uses of herbs that are commonly found in the garden including those 'weeds' you love to hate! This is an interactive talk with things to taste.

October 30 AGM and Harvest Supper: Short business meeting, and your chance to take part in discussion; followed by our annual supper, with plenty of home-made (and perhaps home-grown) dishes to share.

November 27 Dr Steve Millam: Soil Matters. A return visit from this popular speaker, a horticultural expert, who will discuss the important foundation of all our growing activities.

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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