

Chichester Organic Gardening Society

Newsletter 75 September 2018

Notes from the Committee: It has been an interesting year weather-wise; we had only one summer visit as unfortunately Tuppenny Barn had to cancel the July one. We have some good speakers planned for next spring. If you know of any particular speakers, or places to visit, do let one of the Committee know and we shall try to organise this.

URGENT: New Secretary needed now! Your currently Acting-Secretary, having resigned officially more than a year ago, is finishing these duties. Please will someone come forward. We would also welcome a new member of the committee, so do consider this too.

We need a Secretary and enough committee members if we are to survive as a Society.

Weald and Downland 6-7 October. We have enough personnel now to cover for the weekend, and are most grateful to those who have offered to help. If anyone else would like to join the team, you would be most welcome.

Meetings: Please remember that it is now £2 for members and £3 for visitors per meeting. We need to cover our costs and we would like to get new members so please bring along anyone you think might be interested.

Membership for this year is now due, unless you pay by standing order. It would be very helpful if you could renew at the meeting. Or you can send a cheque to me at the address below. Stephanie Carn

It's still only £6 per household.

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Autumn Meetings

September 24 Ben Cross of Crosslands Nursery “British Alstroemeria and the UK Cut Flower Industry” – the history and current work of this family business, with particular emphasis on their specialist flowers.

October 29: Annual General Meeting and Harvest Supper: A brief business meeting – we hope we shall be able to welcome a new committee member as well as new Secretary; followed as usual by our shared Harvest supper. A reminder to bring your own plates, cutlery, etc. as well as a dish or two to share – home cooked and maybe home grown after this terrific summer.

November 26: Diana Morgan: A visit to Organic and Permaculture projects in Cuba. Diana Morgan has been on two fascinating trips to organic and permaculture projects in Cuba. She will talk about these visits and the background to the development of these systems, accompanied by photographs.

Spring 2019 Meetings

January 28 Members’ Evening: as last year, for any discussion, questions, sharing of experience over the past year and any topics of local interest. We are going to have a “tasting” again, of preserves, jam, etc. we have made; so do bring up to two samples of your best and most interesting.

February 25 Martin Jarvis of Culberry Herbs, on growing herbs and vegetable plants. A very interesting and important part of our cultivation.

March 25 Michael Joseph “Art and the Garden”. Michael tells us “This is a bit of fun and is interactive with my audience although they do not need to be artistic. It includes sculpture but is more about design, which colours to put where, hard or soft edges, structures, form etc. The audience will understand why they like something and why it works. They can think differently about their own gardens.”

April 29 Barry Newman: Growing Vegetables. Barry is a popular expert on cultivating vegetables, and has been a judge at many shows. He is coming at a good moment to give us his advice on how to manage our own vegetables through the spring and summer.

May 20 Plant Swop and Spring Fling: Hoping that we have all profited from the April meeting, we may have numerous seedlings and young plants to bring and exchange. (Please remember that if they do not find a home they go back to yours!) And of course our traditional shared supper of home cooked food. (See October notice).

These meetings all take place at the Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, St Pancras, Chichester PO19 7LG. Meetings start at 7.30 pm, doors open at 7.15 pm.