

# Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

June 2022

Dear Members.

Thank you to everyone who came on the Leonardslee trip and help to make it the success that it was. We are thinking of planning another trip in the Autumn to Sheffield Park, where the colours are amazing and maybe a light display at Christmas in a garden.

## **SUMMER FLOWER & DOG SHOW**

**FLOWER SHOW** This is fast approaching so now is the time to start marking your schedules with possible entries that you would like to exhibit. It is only four weeks away. So if you are a photography or handicraft exhibitor, now is the time to really get into action. Let's try to make it even bigger and better than last year, which was our first show of the newly formed Walberton Gardeners Club. You may have noticed that at each flower show we are trying to add new classes, also update our equipment. Last show we had the exhibition tables covered in nice new smart white tablecloths. This time we now have black tablecloths for the Floral Art section, which will make the arrangements stand out and look even better. We will also have smart new numbers for the classes. The old ones served the old Horticultural Society very well for a great number of years and they were looking rather sad, so we have updated these.

**DOG SHOW** As you may remember that last year we had an excellent Dog Show. This year when you make your entry you will also be given a wristband. This will entitle you free entry into the Flower Show. We are very thankful to our local businesses for sponsoring this event. We will also have a few little stalls and best of all is the Mad About Dogs business who are bringing their have-a-go agility course. This is great fun to participate in and to watch.

I thought that May was busy in the garden but now I am thinking that June is going to be even busier. Here are just a few suggestions for you.

## **Jobs to do in the garden in June**

- It's time to lift and store tulip bulbs for replanting in the autumn. Make sure they dry out properly before you store them away.
- Support delphiniums and other tall perennials.

- Once wisteria finish flowering, cut all the long side shoots back to the fifth or sixth set of leaves from the main branches, to encourage the plants to produce flower buds for next spring.

## Flowers and borders

Fill gaps in borders with flowering annuals like cosmos and nicotiana.

Pinch out the growing tips of fuchsias for bushy plants with more flowers.

- Deadhead roses and pick sweet peas to encourage the plants to keep flowering.
- Keep tying in climbers like summer-flowering clematis to supports as they grow, to get the full benefit of their fabulous flowers.

## In the veg plot

- Harden off and plant out tender vegetables such as pumpkins, squashes and outdoor tomatoes.
- Pinch out side shoots on cordon tomatoes.
- Dig up and enjoy the last of the early potatoes, and keep earthing up maincrops.
- Harvest onions and garlic once the leaves turn yellow and flop over.
- Net fruit bushes and strawberries once the fruit starts to develop, to stop the birds enjoying them before you do.

## OTHER NEWS

Here are a few suggestions for when you get time away from your gardens.

8– 11<sup>th</sup> June Festival of Flowers Chichester Cathedral

10,11,12<sup>th</sup> June Binsted Arts Festival.

10, 11 12<sup>th</sup> June South of England Show Ardingly & Stansted Park Garden Event

11<sup>th</sup> June Southdowns Concert Band- 'Jubilee' The very best of music from the Queen's Platinum Reign. Music that everyone will enjoy. You will come home with toe tapping feet. Further information from the Regis Centre Box Office or Brenda Bailey. Also Eastergate Church Fete

12<sup>th</sup> June Amberley Open Gardens 12.00-18.00

12<sup>th</sup> June Leaf Open Farm Sunday Farplants, Binsted Nursery, Lake Lane Barnham 11-3pm

12<sup>th</sup> June Open Farm Sunday at Goodwood

15<sup>th</sup> June Arundel Cathedral – Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers

18<sup>th</sup> June Felpham & Middleton Rose & Sweet Pea Show 2-4.30 St. Mary's Centre.

**SHOW ENTRIES-TROPHIES -CUPS** Closing Date 28<sup>th</sup> June 8pm. When you make your entries please can you also return your cups & Trophies from last years summer Shoow to Brenda Bailey

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Thank you and Happy Gardening.