

Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

January 2023

Dear Members

Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you have all had a Merry Christmas and are now looking forward to the New Year and what it has in store for us all.

SWEET PEAS

We are delighted that Sweet Pea expert Roger Parsons is coming to teach us all how to grow Sweet Peas. This event will take place on **Saturday 11th February 2.30 in** the Small Village Hall. Please contact Brenda Bailey to book your place. Members Free Non-Members £5.00 on 551481 or 07881552980 or Bbailey93@btinternet.com



SPRING SHOW The Spring Show will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 25th March**. The dates for this year's shows are in the back of your current schedule, so please make a note of these in your new diaries. Our friends down at the Yapton Cottage Gardeners Society have very kindly altered the day of their Spring Show so that it does not clash with ours. We are very grateful to them.

Soon the marmalade oranges will be in the shops, so maybe on one of our wet days you could research your recipes in preparation. This year we have not only Orange Marmalade

but also Any Other Fruit Marmalade. Please don't forget to use plain jam jars and plain lids for your exhibits. Also new to the schedule for the Spring Show is a St. Clements cake (Oranges and Lemons) which should prove to be quite fun.

We have a couple of new classes in the Cut Flower Classes this time.

Class 10 is simply ONE DAFFODIL. We all should be able to enter that one. So let's see just how many different types of daffodils we get exhibiting.

NEW SCHEDULE The new schedule is now being prepared. This will be available for you all to collect at the **AGM on SATURDAY 1st APRIL**. This year it will be held in the **PAVILION at 11.00** The traditional Coffee and Cakes will be served from 10.45 and you will also be able to pay your annual subscription of £6.00

This year we would like to try to encourage more people to enter the Handicraft Section, the Cookery Section, the Photography Section and of course the Children's Section.

We would love local children to enter as they used to years ago. If you could encourage your friends and neighbours that would be brilliant. It has come to our notice that there are quite a few knitters and crochet makers in the village and we would really like to encourage them to enter, particularly in the Spring Show, where there is a class for any article knitted or crocheted for an Adult.

Jobs to do in your garden in January

As long as the ground is not waterlogged or frozen you can plant bare-root shrubs, roses and ornamental trees.

Take hardwood cutting of shrubs such as willows and forsythia.

Soon the Snowdrops will be appearing, so when they have finished flowering you can lift and divide the clumps up and replant them or maybe pass them on to a friend or neighbour.

Check the hellebores for black spot on the leaves. Remove the affected leaves. If you have alpines, make sure that the fallen leaves have not smothered them. It is time to prune fruit trees, if you have not already done this.

Please don't forget that we are always open to new ideas and suggestions no matter how great or small and offers of help are always welcome.

Next month we will give you all of the dates for the shows and events for the coming year, so please get your diaries ready.

Thank you all for your continued support. Your Committee Liz Hewson, Brenda Bailey, Ann Cannings, Sue Atkins & Douglas Callander

