

Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

March 2024



Dear Members,

I am sure, that like me you are hoping that the worst of the bad weather is over. Now it is time to really get working in our gardens. I expect lots of you have got your seeds already at the seedling stage in your greenhouses or windowsills. Soon we will be able to plant them out. I know that people who have an allotment have been very busy just lately getting their Broad Beans in etc.

Thank you all for supporting us and attending the Sweet Pea talk a couple of weeks ago. Just in case you need a refresher you might like to check out Roger Parson's website. He has an excellent video on there to remind us all of how to grow our Sweet Peas.

Saturday 23rd March – Spring Flower Show

The Spring Show is fast approaching, in fact it is only just over three weeks away. So now is the time to start thinking about our entries. Maybe consider entering a section that you have not entered before. There are eight classes in the Cookery section, maybe try one of those or have a look through your photos and find a photo of your pet. Walberton has lots of dogs and I am sure that we all have a photo of them. Let's make it the best Spring Show ever. Don't forget that this is the last show that will count towards the Annual Awards that will be presented at the AGM. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 20th March 8pm.

Saturday 6th April – Annual General Meeting – pavilion 10.30

The AGM will be held in the Pavilion again this year. There will be Coffee & Cakes available while you renew your subscriptions before the AGM starts. We have lots of exciting news for you, so please come. The subscriptions are staying at £6.00 again this year and the show entry fees are also staying the same as last year. We are not following the trend of most people and raising our costs this year.

Tuesday 14th May. – RHS Wisley.

All members of the Gardeners Club are invited to a FREE trip to RHS Wisley. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have partners or friends that wish to come, they will be put on the reserve list, so that if we have spaces left on the coach, they would be more than welcome to come. The cost for them would be £25.00

Sunday 16th June – Walberton Open Gardens

This is the first time that the Gardeners Club have been involved with this venture. We would like to make it a tremendous success. We have started making plans, but are still open to your suggestions of how we may improve this event. We have 12 gardens on our books at the moment, but we would like a few more in the middle of the village, maybe a garden or two in the Meadows, or Prime & Henty Closes, or maybe a new garden from many of the new houses that have been built recently.

Summer Flower Show Saturday 6th July

This year we will be holding our summer Flower Show in the Village Hall, with the Dog Show on the Field, also the Village Fete on the field. We are trying to build on the success of the Fete that we held last year. If you would like to help, either by having a stall, or simply giving us some good ideas of how we can improve, we would like to hear from you. Also, if you would like to be one of the Fete Fixer group please just let us know.

Out & About in March.

12 th March Open Afternoon	High Salvington Windmill
16 th March Southdowns Concert Band	Walberton Village Hall.
16 th March & various other dates -	Apuldram Roses – Rose Pruning Morning.
24 th -/30 th March	East Egg hunt at Standen House & Sheffield Park
24 th /30 th March Spring Festival	Petwoth House
28 th Talk on Water Gardens	Felpham Horticultural Society

Jobs to do in the Garden in February March

In the Vegetable Garden it is now time to sow Peas, Kale, Chives, Chillies, Swiss Chard and Potatoes. Sweet Peppers & Tomatoes can be sown indoors.

Sow half hardy annuals such as antirrhinum, zinnia & cosmos in greenhouse or windowsill. Wildflower mixes can be sown now & Sweet Peas if you have not already done so.

Thank you to all our members for your support.

From you Committee

Liz Hewson (Chair), Brenda Bailey, Sue Atkins, Doug Callander & David Underwood.

