

Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

January 2024



Happy New Year Everyone.

We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and a jolly good break from doing all the activities that we encounter during our normal routine. We all deserve a good break every now and then. It does us the world of good to just stand back and assess our lives and what we would like to do in the future.

The coming year is going to be very exciting for the Gardeners Club with lots to look forward to. The Summer Fete will be happening alongside the Summer Flower Show, which we hope will be bigger and better than last summer. We are aiming to keep it as an old fashioned village fete, with lots of traditional stalls. If you are interested in having one, or know someone who is, please ask them to get in touch with us. The stall holders from last summer have already been contacted. We are hoping that the fete will have an independent group of Fete Fixers to organise this event.

The New Schedule

The Committee have been working hard in preparing the new schedule. We have got new classes in every section. You will see that there are even more classes than there have ever been before. In fact we are up to 100, so we definitely will need to use all the new tables that we have recently bought. If you still have any more suggestions, it is not too late. Please contact Brenda before the end of January and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Forthcoming events.

Saturday 17th February 10.30 Pavilion - Growing Sweet Peas. This will be our first event of the New Year and will be an illustrated talk on Growing Sweet Peas, given by Roger Parsons. This should prove to be most interesting and inspire us all to start growing Sweet Peas that we can enter into the Summer Flower Show. Roger has an excellent website selling his Sweet Pea seeds, which is definitely worth having a look at. I have bought seeds from him for the last two years and they give excellent germination. This event will be free for all

members and £3.00 for non-members. Of course, will have our lovely coffee and cakes to enjoy as well. If you wish to attend, please contact Brenda Bailey

Saturday 23rd March – Spring Flower Show - Village Hall

The schedule for this is in the back of the current schedule, or alternatively you can download it from the website. There are some new classes this year in most of the sections, so please have a look and see if you can enter more classes than you did last year.

Annual General Meeting Saturday 6th April – Pavilion 10.30 This is your chance to renew your subscription and to collect your new schedule.

Sunday 16th June 2024 - Walberton Open Gardens

We are reinstating this popular event as it has been missing from the village calendar for a while now and a great deal of people miss this event. We are scaling it down to be just gardens in the village, therefore cutting out the need for mini-buses etc. We feel that it had grown to be too big to handle. You certainly could not visit all of the gardens in one afternoon and a lot of people were left disappointed. This will be a joint venture. The Sussex Snowdrop Trust will be providing refreshments in the Village Hall. The Gardeners Club will be liaising with villagers who would like to have their gardens open and preparing the paperwork etc. The parishioners from St. Mary's Church will be organising the car parking and issuing the tickets and information leaflets. The proceeds from this event will be going towards the fund for the repairing of the Bell Tower at St. Mary's Church Binsted.

For more details of any of the above events please contact Brenda Bailey
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I hope that like me you are receiving the new seed catalogues that are now available. Today I receive the catalogue from Marshalls Seeds. There are some wonderful new varieties of both vegetable seeds as well as new flower varieties. Let's all try to make a New Year's resolution to try to grow something new this year.

Out & About

Saturday 20th January 9.00-13.00 Arundel Farmers Market

10-11 Feb Snowdrop Weekend Gilbert White's House & Gardens Selbourne

Sad News

Unfortunately one of our members has sadly passed away. Frances Robinson. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St. Richard's Church, Slindon Wednesday 3rd January 10.30

Thank you from you committee

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

