

Chairmans Chat



Well, it's been a difficult year for gardens. The poor plants don't know whether they're coming or going. Some of my dahlias are only just flowering properly. But they looked gorgeous and positively glowed, along with the salvias, in the autumn sunshine that we had earlier this week. Despite the difficult conditions this year, you all did us proud at the Show and the horticultural judge, Norman Dickinson, a delightful man, wrote to number and quality of the entries. We to find a judge who was available and is a National Vegetable Society judge magazines, which you are welcome to showing, which we will share with you



tell us how impressed he was with the were so relieved, as it took some effort he came from Lewes to help us out. He and left us a few Vegetable Society borrow. He also sent a sheet of tips for at a more useful time. The floral judge us some further ideas for accessible was lovely to see a wider range of newsletter including the top five points

loved your jam jar posies, artistically put together, and gave classes, so thanks to you all and keep up the good work. It names in the cup awards. Results in full are in this bumper for the Gardener of the Year cup. Apologies to those who didn't get their photo taken. It would take the who helped things to enjoyable, friendly, thanked them attended for creating you did. It made it all



whole page here to thank everyone run smoothly and give all of us a very afternoon but, rest assured, we have personally. Thanks to all of you who the warm friendly atmosphere that worthwhile.



This is the last newsletter of the year, as I am away in October so there is plenty to let you know about. Please be patient and read it all ☺ I just want to highlight that we need some new committee members, in particular a secretary to help me with admin so please give this some thought. We have tried to structure the running of the club so that as few people as possible feel obliged to be available at every event and, as many of you now help out, we are making progress in that direction. So, you might find that being a committee member is not as time consuming as you think. Without being unduly dramatic, it is indeed true that, if we don't have some additions to next year's committee, we cannot carry on as we are. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM, which is really an end of year social and quiz ☺ *Christine. Chairman*

INTERVILLAGE NEWS

WGA are part of a group of village garden societies who share information, have a meeting once a year and compete for cups. See page 26 of the schedule for more information on this. You may remember that Liz Simmons entered the Floral Art cup for us earlier in the year. Jan and I went to the Churt show, the week after ours, to take the WGA entry for the Close Brooks cup. We did get a certificate for coming third and we were proud to take part, even though we knew that one of the other clubs had National Vegetable Society members. Thanks to all who contributed to our entry. It is meant to be (and was) a joint effort to get the quality across veg, fruit, flowers and plants. Unfortunately, we were not given the points sheets this time but I think we came close. You can judge for yourselves.



TILFORD



THURSLEY



WITLEY

ANNUAL AWARDS

GARDENER OF THE YEAR

PLACE	NAME	POINTS
FIRST	Jill Long	84
SECOND	Catherine Bullock	50
THIRD	Louise Ashwell-Symes	35
FOURTH	Liz Simmons	21
FIFTH	Valerie herring	16

FARNHAM Gardener of the Year

Jill Long

Exhibitor obtaining the highest total points in the Horticultural Sections in the Spring and Autumn Shows



MISS FARNHAM CUP Cook of the Year

Liz Simmons

Exhibitor obtaining the highest total points in the Cookery and Preserves Sections in the Spring and Autumn Shows.



E. J. PULLEN PHOTOGRAPHY TROPHY

Kaja Van Walt

Awarded to the photographer submitting best entries based on votes obtained by visitors' ballot in the Spring and Autumn shows.



SHIRLEY POLLOCK MEMORIAL TROPHY

Jane Foster

Outstanding contribution to the Association.



DENNIS AMY SPOON

Sylvia Griffin

For the exhibitor obtaining the most points in the preserve classes in the Spring and Autumn shows

AUTUMN CUPS



GORDON AUSTIN CUP
For Best Rose Exhibit



Jan Sampson



Catherine Bullock

HUGH CHANDLER CUP
For Best Exhibit of Cut Flowers, excluding roses



HICKMOTT CUP
For Best Exhibit in Class 22

Jill Long

JACK SIMMONS CUP
For the Best Flowering Pot Plant

Jill Long

MOSS SILVER RAKE
For Best Exhibit of Fruit or Vegetables

Jill Long

GRINDLING CUP
Exhibitor obtaining the highest points in the Vegetable Section in the Autumn Show

Peter Long

WADDINGTON CUP
For the Best Floral Arrangement in Class 61

Brenda O'Brien

MISS CAMPBELL-TILEY CUP
For the Best Floral Arrangement in Class 62

Kim Steckel

SHOW DEVELOPMENTS

We'd like to officially announce before the AGM that Jan Sampson and Barbara Beadle will take complete responsibility for shows next year. They are both going to do this independently of the committee and I will be the link between the two.

Trevor is retiring from the show committee but remaining on the committee. This is to take account of personal circumstances for the three of them. This means we will need a refreshments group that we can count on and several of you have volunteered so it should be possible to create a rota. It would be great if someone could take responsibility for that. You will not need to attend committee meetings unless you want to join in the fun! The raffle ladies work in this way extremely successfully.

JACKIE CURRIE ORNAMENTAL ALLIUMS

Wednesday 8th October

see the poster at the end
of this newsletter

SHOW BULBS

We intend to sell the show bulbs at the AGM, as long as they have arrived by then. If they have not we will let you know by email how to purchase and collect them. The bulbs are called Moonlight Sensation, a triandrus variety (multi-headed) and will be available at £5 for 10 bulbs, a very good price for the variety.

AGM/ END OF YEAR SOCIAL

Wednesday 12th November

Please see the poster previously sent out or the instructions on the website. Please sign up via the website and **pay to confirm your place**. Places are limited to 42. We are already up to 28



This new 'Sensation' series of narcissus are in an elite club of their own, 'Moonlight Sensation' with flowers the soft yellow of a full moon. Also good for cutting. (Sarah Raven website)



WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

We were very encouraged by the news that one of our members was passing the planting for the war memorial, which we upgraded earlier this year, and thought it was looking very good. We planted with a view to it "filling out" which it has done successfully . She also pulled a few weeds out while she was there (thank you Kim) and it would be great if any of you who are passing, or live nearby could do the same to help get it ready for Remembrance day. I know one of the parish council did the same earlier in the season. It's not our responsibility but many hands make light work!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A Public Meeting was held at Chichester Hall, Witley on **Tuesday 24th July 1951**, to discuss the future of the Witley, Milford and Hambledon Flower Show. The meeting was chaired by Rev PG Holden and attended by just 8 people from Witley, 2 from Milford and 3 from Hambledon. A resolution was passed by a majority of 1 to wind up the Witley, Milford and Hambledon Flower Show organisation. It was then resolved to distribute the monetary assets. And that was the end of the Witley, Milford and Hambledon Cottagers Flower Show. Or was it...

*At a public meeting held on Friday October 12th it was decided to hold a flower show in Witley. i.e. Witley was going it alone. Fifteen worthies were appointed to the Committee, including the vicar, two Colonels, a Captain and Lt Colonel Chandler (Hon Sec). They met on 21st November 1951 and fixed a date for the **Witley** Flower Show as Saturday 19th July 1952 and we've never looked back! Let's hope we never have to !*

Wednesday 8th
October 2025



JACKIE CURRIE

Jackie Currie with
her Allium exhibit,
Chelsea Flower
Show 2019



Ornamental Alliums

Growing them successfully and in succession

Garden designer Jackie Currie runs a local garden design company 'Euphorbia Design' in Chiddingfold with her business partner.

Jackie enjoys growing many plants but her real passion is for growing alliums. She is the holder of the National Collection of Allium Species and cultivars.

Jackie has exhibited her Alliums at RHS Chelsea Flower Show and RHS Hampton Court Flower Show.

This talk will tell you all that you need to know about growing Alliums and how to incorporate them into your garden design.

THE CHICHESTER
HALL WITLEY

Doors open
7.00pm for a 7.30
start

Entry free to
members, £5 to
non-members.

Welcome drinks
available

