

Chairman's Chat

In June we had two events. Firstly, the visit to The Manor, a truly stunning garden different styles, from garden to Rose garden, to sweeping lawns and lake. Quite magnificent.



lovely garden Haslemere, of many walled



Then we hosted Barbara Caldecourt, who showed us how to plait leaves into a completely



shape (with varying success but a lot of fun) to create a beautiful using a minimum number of essential in this day and age of rising costs. And, of course tea and cake was provided.



different degrees of and helped us arrangement flowers,

In July we had a talk on Hardy Annuals. I am inspired to grow more of these next year, as a more cost effective way to fill the borders. One



plant suggested was Cobaea Scandens. I have one of these, small plant by who actually indoors in be worth



gifted as a a friend, sows



seeds directly sown outside. forever to open so it is really interesting buds (see quickly!

Spring, but it would trying a couple of The flowers take lucky that it has photo). It climbs very

Well we are now in August and our month off from activity in the WGA. However, there is still much more to come this year.

First of all, the Autumn show is just around the corner. **THIS WILL BE IN THE CHICHESTER HALL AS USUAL. Full details on page 3**

We then have two more talks and our AGM/Fish and Chip supper to take us up to the winter break in December and January **THESE WILL BE IN THE GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL. Check all details on this page**

ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FISH AND CHIP SUPPER WILL BE SENT ON A POSTER SHORTLY, ONCE WE HAVE ESTABLISHED COST.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR VENUE AND DATES FOR THE LAST THREE EVENTS HAVE CHANGED

See below

TIM WOODLAND Planting Bulbs in Autumn

Wednesday 4th October 7.30 pm

JOHN NEGUS Alpine Colour

AFTERNOON TALK

Thursday 12th October 2.30 pm

AGM/Fish and Chip Supper

Wednesday 15th November
7.30pm

NB If you have a problem getting to Grayswood Hall then please contact us at admin@witleygardening.org and we will try to help.

THE BAFTA WINNER this month was Catherine's Dahlia Tahiti Sunrise. This is a fun event on our club evenings. Do bring a bloom along and enter it.



OUR NEXT EVENT IS THE AUTUMN SHOW SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Our Spring show turned out to be a delightful event and this Autumn's show will have an amazing variety of flowers and vegetables on the central table as well as the usual floral art, cookery and photography. The show committee are working hard to ensure the smooth running of this show. We have decided to keep the teas within the main room as it made for a very convivial atmosphere, but the back room will once again be available for setting up your exhibits.

ENTRIES BY 10am FRIDAY 8TH

STAGING FROM 8.30 - 10.30am
SATURDAY 9TH

DOORS OPEN 2.30pm

*We need cakes for the
tea room. Please email
admin@witleygardening.org
if you can help.
THANK YOU*

**PLEASE NOTE THESE TIMES ARE DIFFERENT TO
THOSE IN THE SCHEDULE**

This year we have invited Geoff Peach to "open judge" in the afternoon. Barbara Caldecourt will also be judging in the afternoon, so arrive early to find out how the exhibits are judged.

HINT: if you are entering a home made jam, please put it into a 1lb jar (or equivalent) stating the contents and the day, month and year of making.

NEXT YEAR

Our events secretary, Catherine, has nearly finished booking speakers and events for next year. We have had a variety this year so far and are constantly looking for good quality speakers for your club evenings. These are becoming increasingly expensive, but we have put together an exceptionally good program for next year, including several top end speakers All extremely good value for your £10 membership. I have recouped mine several times over the year, with garden purchases at a couple of well known local garden centres! There will also be opportunities for members to join us in an extra NGS garden private visit, to include afternoon tea and cake. Thank you to Peter and Valerie Herring for passing on this invitation to us for a garden in Womersley. We are planning a Xmas wreath workshop as the floral art afternoon next year (also with the ever important tea and cake !)

SPRING SHOW PLANNING FOR 2024

You may remember that we were very disappointed with the performance of our "club" bulbs which we bought in last year for class 33.

This year, we have asked our speaker Tim Woodland to recommend a suitable bulb for the time of our show and to bring them to his talk on 4th October.

He has chosen "Golden Dawn".

We will be selling these to club members at the talk at a very favourable price. Numbers will obviously be limited so come along to get your bulbs!

They will be sold at £2 for a bag of 10.

It would be helpful, though not essential, if you could bring exact cash.

OTHER NEWS

Witley Parish council are planning to create a small village green at Wheeler Street Green (opposite the Star Pub) with planting and trees. We have promised a working party, so if you would like to join us please contact

admin@witleygardening.org and we will update you with details when we get them.

Munstead Wood, famous locally, has been acquired by the National Trust. This was an influential garden, designed by Gertrude Jekyll, with the house built for her by the equally famous Edward Lutyens.